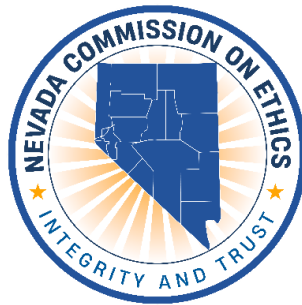


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COMMISSION ACCEPTS STIPULATIONS IN SUPER BOWL TICKET AND EQUIPMENT MISUSE CASES

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (October 17, 2024) The Nevada Commission on Ethics approved two stipulated agreements during their October meeting — involving Kevin Watson, Executive Director of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, and Donald Otto, former member of the Palomino Valley General Improvement District Board.

In the first case, Director Watson accepted a gift, a Super Bowl ticket, from the National Football League Foundation. Under the stipulated deferral agreement, the Commission will dismiss the case if Watson meets several conditions. These include refraining from any further ethics violations for one year, arranging and completing ethics training for himself and all District staff, and revising the Library District's internal ethics policies for submission to the Commission. If these conditions are not met, the case will be referred to the Commission for an adjudicatory hearing. Important to the decision to pursue a deferral agreement rather than a violation was the fact that Watson sought advice from his legal counsel prior to accepting the gift, triggering the safe-harbor provisions found in the Ethics Law.

In the second case, former Trustee Otto was found to have used public equipment, materials, and staff to improve and maintain the road to his personal residence, contrary to District policy. Otto's conduct resulted in a single violation of the Ethics Law which was deemed non-willful. He has agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine for granting himself unwarranted privileges through the use of District resources, and to complete ethics training if he returns to public service within one year. Otto will also receive a Confidential Letter of Caution related to his conduct.

A Review Panel of the Commission met the same day and resolved the case below:

In re Hall, HR Director III, Vegas PBS / Clark County School District
Ethics Case No. 24-073C
Determination: Dismissed with Letter of Instruction

The next meeting of the Commission will be November 13th in Reno.

Meeting Materials: <https://ethics.nv.gov/Meetings/Meetings/>

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