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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **GOLDEN KNIGHTS TICKETS AND POORLY TIMED CONTRACT TALKS RESULT IN STIPULATED VIOLATION AGREEMENTS FOR TWO OFFICIALS**

ELY, NEVADA (June 18, 2025) The Nevada Commission on Ethics approved two stipulated agreements today in their June meeting involving Dwayne McClinton, Director of the Governor's Office of Energy and Ryann Juden the former North Las Vegas City Manager.

In the first case, the Vegas Golden Knights gifted McClinton two game tickets and access to a private partner party as part of ongoing discussions to secure funding from the Nevada Governor's Office of Energy. Although no partnership resulted, McClinton agreed to a willful violation of the Ethics Law for accepting these gifts. The agreement stipulates a \$1,000 fine, reflecting the price of the two game tickets and an additional monetary penalty, as well as a formal admonishment from the Commission and a requirement to complete ethics training.

In the second case, Juden agreed to one non-willful violation of the Ethics Law for the improper timing of negotiating a contract with the City of North Las Vegas before leaving his position as City Manager. Although Juden's City Manager employment agreement permitted post-employment consulting with the City, the parties agreed that Juden should not have negotiated the agreement while still City Manager. As a result of the violation, the Commission's Executive Director will formally notify the City of North Las Vegas that, pursuant to the Ethics Law, the contract may now be considered void if they desire.

"There have been legitimate questions about the fiscal responsibility of the arrangement between the City of North Las Vegas and Juden in this matter, but those questions fall outside the scope of the Ethics Law. What is within our jurisdiction and important for public officials to understand is that public officials may not negotiate a post-retirement or resignation contract with their current agency while still employed with that agency." said Executive Director Ross Armstrong.

See the [Guide to Leaving Public Service](#) for more on compliance with the cooling off Ethics Laws.

The next Commission meeting is on August 20<sup>th</sup> in Reno, NV.

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

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