



STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Bartolo Ramos**, Public Works Director,
Lander County, State of Nevada,

Ethics Complaint
Case No. 19-088C

Subject. /

**REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION AND
REFERRAL ORDER**

NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") received this Ethics Complaint on September 21, 2019, regarding the alleged conduct of Subject Bartolo Ramos ("Ramos"). On November 7, 2019, the Commission instructed the Executive Director to investigate alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (3), (4) and (7), NRS 281A.420(1) and (3), and NRS 281A.430.

Ramos is a public employee as defined in NRS 281A.150, and the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 281A.280 because the allegations contained in the Complaint relate to Ramos's conduct as a public employee and have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On June 16, 2021, a Review Panel consisting of Chair Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM (Presiding Officer), Commissioner James Oscarson and Commissioner Damian R. Sheets, Esq. reviewed the following: (1) Ethics Complaint No 19-088C (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation in Ethics Complaint No. 19-088C; (3) Ramos's Response to the Complaint; and (4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings.¹

The Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts establish credible evidence to support a determination that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter regarding the alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (3) and NRS 281A.420(1) and (3). The Panel finds and concludes that the facts do not establish credible evidence to support a determination that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter regarding the allegations pertaining to NRS 281A.400(4) and (7), and NRS 281A.430.

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¹ All materials provided to the Review Panel, except the Ethics Complaint and the Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation, represent portions of the investigatory file and remain confidential pursuant to NRS 281A.750.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Based upon the just and sufficient cause determination, the Review Panel refers Ethics Complaint No. 19-088C to the Commission for further proceedings, which may include rendering an opinion on whether Ramos violated NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (3) and NRS 281A.420(1) and (3) with regard to certain conduct associated with contracting with a private vendor, JNM Materials. Further, the allegations pertaining to NRS 281A.400(4), (7) and NRS 281A.430 are dismissed for lack of just and sufficient cause.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2021.

REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: /s/ Kim Wallin
Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM
Chair/Presiding Officer

By: /s/ James Oscarson
James Oscarson
Commissioner

By: /s/ Damian R. Sheets
Damian R. Sheets, Esq.
Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day in Carson City, Nevada, I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing **REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION** via U.S. Certified Mail and electronic mail addressed as follows:

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