



STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Melanie Young**, Former Executive Director,
Nevada Department of Taxation,
State of Nevada,

Ethics Complaint
Case No. 20-001C

Subject. /

REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION
NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics (“Commission”) received this Ethics Complaint on January 6, 2020, regarding the alleged conduct of Subject Melanie Young (“Young”). On February 20, 2020, the Commission instructed the Executive Director to investigate alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(2) and (9) and NRS 281A.420(1) and (3).

Young is a public officer as defined in NRS 281A.160, and the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 281A.280 because the allegations contained in the Complaint relate to Young’s conduct as a public officer/employee and have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On October 20, 2021, a Review Panel consisting of Commissioners Barbara Gruenewald, Esq. (Presiding Officer), Teresa Lowry, Esq. and Amanda Yen, Esq. reviewed the following: (1) Ethics Complaint; (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation; (3) Young’s Response to the Complaint; and (4) Executive Director’s Recommendation to the Review Panel with a Summary of Investigatory Findings.¹

Under NAC 281A.430, the Review Panel unanimously 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 alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(2) and (9) and NRS 281A.420(1) and (3), and the allegations are dismissed.

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¹All 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.

Nevertheless, the Review Panel believes it is appropriate to issue a confidential Letter of Instruction to inform Young about the parameters of the Ethics Law to ensure that she avoids conflicts by maintaining proper separation between her public duties and private interests.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2021.

REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: /s/ Barbara Gruenewald
Barbara Gruenewald, Esq.
Commissioner/Presiding Officer

By: /s/ Amanda Yen
Amanda Yen, Esq.
Commissioner

By: /s/ Teresa Lowry
Teresa Lowry, 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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