

#### STATE OF NEVADA

#### BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In	re Lol	a Brooks,	Trustee,	Board of
Tr	ustees	, Clark Co	unty Scho	ool District,
Sta	ate of	Nevada.	•	

Ethics Complaint Case No. 21-039C

Subject. /

## **REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION**

NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") received this Ethics Complaint on June 14, 2021, regarding the alleged conduct of Subject Lola Brooks ("Brooks"). On August 2, 2021, the Commission instructed the Executive Director to investigate alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2) and (10) and NRS 281A.420(1) and (3).

Brooks 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 Brooks' conduct as a public officer/employee and have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On November 17, 2021, a Review Panel consisting of Commissioner Gruenewald (Presiding Officer) and Commissioners Lowry and Yen reviewed the following: (1) the Complaint; (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation; (3) Brooks' Response to the Complaint; (4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings; and (5) Relevant Evidentiary Exhibits.<sup>1</sup>

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(1), (2) and (10) and NRS 281A.420(1) and (3), and the allegations are dismissed.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>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.

Nevertheless, the Review Panel believes it is appropriate to issue a confidential Letter of Instruction to inform Brooks that her fiduciary duty on a nonprofit board constitutes a private commitment under NRS 281A.065 and to provide education on the parameters of the Ethics Law to ensure that she avoids conflicts by maintaining proper separation between her public duties and private commitments.

Dated this <u>17<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>November</u>, 2021.

### REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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Commissioner

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# **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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