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PRESS RELEASE

Ethics Commission Approves Potential Bill Language, Hears Motion to Dismiss at May Meeting

CARSON CITY, NEVADA (May 19, 2022) – On May 18, the Nevada Commission on Ethics held a public meeting which included a report from the Commission's Legislative Subcommittee. The Commission approved pursuing a policy Bill Draft Request that will propose to amend Nevada Ethics in Government Law to improve Ethics case procedures and to add an ethics violation for public officials or employees who use their public position to cause certain types of harm to others.

In addition, the Commission heard arguments on a Motion to Dismiss in case *In re Liu*, Case No. 19-126C. The Commissioners considered presentations from both parties and voted to deny the motion. This means an order will be issued confirming the Commission's decision and the case will proceed.

The Commission is in the process of preparing its next annual report and the Commission provided format preferences and focus on telling the story about the Commission's many improvements. In August 2022, the draft annual report will be presented by the Executive Director to the Commission.

Copies of meeting materials for this item are available from the website at <u>https://ethics.nv.gov/Meetings/2022/2022</u> Commission Meetings/ The next meeting of Nevada's Commission on Ethics is June 15.

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