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BARTENDING GIG PROFITS SURRENDERED FROM TRAVEL NEVADA'S "IN CAHOOTS" KICKOFF PARTY

CARSON CITY, NEVADA (January 21, 2026) The Commissioners approved a [Stipulated Agreement](#) for the complaint against Caroline Sexton, the Chief Marketing Officer for the Nevada Division of Tourism. Sexton used her position to angle for the opportunity for her family's mobile bar business to serve at an event funded by her agency. Her agreement includes one non-willful violation of NRS 281A.400(10) and a fine equal to their profit from the event, approximately \$1,200. Executive Director Armstrong shared in his presentation at today's meeting that Sexton "relied on the advice of an experienced public official" her agency director for advice and unfortunately it was the wrong advice. "This conduct is exactly the idea of what a non-willful violation should be" as the Ethics Law outlines different consequences for violations of differing severity and key considerations to determine the severity of each violation.

Additionally, the Commission approved the dismissal order in the Kelvin Watson complaint, the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Director. Back in November of 2024, the Commission approved the [Stipulated Deferral Agreement](#) as a result of Director Watson accepting a Super Bowl ticket. The Commission has dismissed the case as Watson refrained from further violations, completed ethics training for himself and all District staff, and revised the Library District's internal ethics policies. Library staff coordinated with Commission staff to train over 650 people in accordance with the agreement deadline and have continued on-demand training for new employees as they begin public service.

Finally, the review panel also recommended the following resolutions today:

In re Chisum, Case No. 25-160C
Determination: Deferral Agreement Recommended

In re Whisler, Case No. 25-180C
Determination: Deferral Agreement Recommended

The next Commission meeting is on March 18th, 2026, in Las Vegas.

Find meeting materials here: <https://ethics.nv.gov/Meetings/Meetings/>

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