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## **COMMISSION RULES LT. GOVERNOR VIOLATED THE ETHICS LAW WITH USE OF GOVERNMENT TIME AND RESOURCES**

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (March 19, 2026) In addition to resolving four complaint cases by approving their stipulated agreements, the Commission also heard the Ethics Complaint regarding Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony in the meeting yesterday. Commissioners heard competing motions for summary judgement following investigation and discovery. Executive Director Armstrong argued that Anthony's use of the public resources, such as social media accounts, email, and staff time to promote his private social media account and a Task Force that aligned with Anthony's private interests violated the Ethics Law. Attorneys for Anthony argued such conduct was not a violation.

The Commission decided on the severity of the 3 violations as follows:

- "Non-willful" violation of NRS 281A.400(2): Amplifying personal social media using public social media accounts was deemed an unwarranted benefit.
- "Non-willful" violation of NRS 281A.400(7): Using public resources such as social media, staff time, letterhead, and email to establish and promote the taskforce was deemed improper as the taskforce was deemed a personal interest.
- "Willful" violation of NRS 281A.400(7): Use of public resources such as public social media accounts staff time to promote personal social media was deemed improper.

The Commissioners issued a \$3,000 fine, formal admonishment, mandated ethics training, and requirement to develop a social media policy for the Attorney General's office. The Commission dismissed two violations of NRS 281A.400(9) regarding the improper influence over subordinates to benefit personal interests such as the task force and personal social media.

Additionally, the Commission approved the following stipulated agreements:

Case	Violation	Willful?	Fine	Training	Admonish
<a href="#">In re Jim Seebock, Case No. 23-035C</a> (Deputy Chief of LV Metro Police) Stipulated Deferral & Dismissal Agreement	Arrived at no violation of improper use of gov resources following deferral completion	NA, 2 yr deferral period	NA	yes	NA
<a href="#">In re Jesse Whipple, Case No. 25-136C</a> (Mayor, City of Mesquite) Stipulated Agreement	Failed to disclose private interest in contract reviewed by City Council	1 willful	no	yes	yes
<a href="#">In re William Gardner, Case No. 25-157C</a> (Former Administrative Leadership, Dept. of Business & Industry) Stipulated Agreement	Cooling off – employment with prohibited employer within 1 year	1 non-willful	no	yes	no
<a href="#">In re Rudy Pamintuan, Case No. 25-159C</a> (Chief of Staff, Lt. Governor's Office) Stipulated Agreement	Using gov resources to benefit family member and nonprofit	1 non-willful	\$1k	yes	yes

The next Commission meeting is on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in Reno. Find meeting materials [here](#).

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