

STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re Jerry Allen , Sheriff,	Ethics Complaint
Pershing County, State of Nevada,	Case No. 22-123C
Subject. /	

NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") received this Ethics Complaint on November 1, 2022, regarding the alleged conduct of Jerry Allen ("Allen"). On December 19, 2022, the Commission instructed the Executive Director to investigate the alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(7), (9) and NRS 281A.520.

Allen 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 Allen's alleged conduct as a public officer and have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On February 15, 2023, a Review Panel consisting of Commissioner Teresa Lowry, Esq. (Presiding Officer), Vice-Chair Brian Duffrin, and Commissioner Thoran Towler, Esq., considered the following: (1) Ethics Complaint (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation; (3) Allen's Response to the Complaint; and (4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings and Relevant Evidentiary Exhibits.¹

Under NAC 281A.430, the Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts do <u>not</u> 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 violation of NRS 281A.400(7), (9) and NRS 281A.520, 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 Caution to warn Allen that his conduct as alleged in the ethics complaint is sufficient to implicate a violation of the Nevada Ethics Law and to advise him of his compliance obligations regarding the use of public resources for a private benefit.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2023.

REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: <u>/s/ Teresa Lowry</u>
Teresa Lowry, Esq.
Commissioner/Presiding Officer

By: <u>/s/ Thoran Towler</u>
Thoran Towler, Esq.
Commissioner

By: <u>/s/ Brian Duffrin</u>
Brian Duffrin
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 deposited via U.S. Certified Mail to the Nevada State Mailroom, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION** addressed as follows:

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Dated: 2/16/23 Employee, Nevada Commission on Ethics