

STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Richard M. Trachok, II, Esq.**, Former Regent, Nevada System of Higher Education, State of Nevada, Ethics Complaint Case No. 22-078C

Subject. /

REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION

NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") initiated this Ethics Complaint ("Complaint") on June 13, 2022 and issued an order directing the Executive Director to investigate potential violations of NRS 281A.410 in regard to the conduct of Subject, Richard M. Trachok, II, Esq.

By virtue of his former public service, Trachok is a public officer as defined in NRS 281A.160 and NRS 281A.180, and the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 281A.280 because the allegations contained in the Complaint relate to Trachok's conduct as a public officer and subsequently a former public officer, which have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On August 17, 2022, a Review Panel ("Panel"), consisting of Commissioners Thoran Towler, Esq. (Presiding Officer), Barbara Gruenewald, Esq., and James Oscarson, reviewed the following: (1) Ethics Complaint (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation; (3) Trachok's Response to the Complaint; and (4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with a Summary of Investigatory Findings.¹

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¹All materials provided to the 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.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Under NAC 281A.430, the Review Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts do not 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.410. Accordingly, the Complaint is dismissed.

Dated this <u>18th</u> day of <u>August</u> 2022.

REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: <u>/s/ Thoran Towler</u> Thoran Towler, Esq. Commissioner/Presiding Officer By: <u>/s/ James Oscarson</u> James Oscarson Commissioner

By: <u>/s/ Barbara Gruenewald</u> Barbara Gruenewald, Esq. 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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Dated: 8/18/22

Employee, Nevada Commission on Ethics

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