

STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **E. Jesse Whipple**, Mayor, City of Mesquite, State of Nevada, Ethics Complaint Case No. 25-136C Confidential

Subject. /

REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION

NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") received this Ethics Complaint ("Complaint") from a member of the public on July 24, 2025, regarding the alleged conduct of Subject Jesse Whipple ("Subject"). On September 8, 2025, the Commission instructed the Executive Director to investigate the alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (3) and (10), NRS 281A.430, NRS 281A.500, NRS 281A.420(1) and (3).

Subject 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 Subject's conduct as a public officer and associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On November 12, 2025, a Review Panel consisting of Vice-Chair Kim Wallin, Commissioner Terry Reynolds and Commissioner Brianna Smith considered the following: (1) Ethics Complaint; (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation; (3) Subject's Response; and (4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings and Relevant Evidentiary Exhibits.¹

The Review Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts establish credible evidence that the Subject failed to comply with the requirements of NRS 281A.420(1) and (3), NRS 281A.430, and NRS 281A.500 and that just and sufficient cause exists to refer this matter to the Commission for further proceedings. There is insufficient evidence to refer allegations related to NRS 281A.400(1), (3), and (10).

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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.

Therefore, this Complaint is referred to the Commission for adjudicatory proceedings and a determination with respect to NRS 281A.420(1) and (3) and NRS 281A.430.

DATED this 13th day of November, 2025.

REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: <u>/s/ Terry J. Reynolds</u> Terry J. Reynolds Commissioner By: /s/ Kim Wallin Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM

Vice Chair

By: /s/ Brianna Smith

Brianna Smith, Esq. Commissioner