

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

**Friday, April 21, 2023**

*Third Floor Courtroom, First District Court of Appeal  
2000 Drayton Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida*

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

At 8:31 a.m. Chair Glenton "Glen" Gilzean, Jr. called the meeting to order with the following members present:

MICHELLE ANCHORS  
WILLIAM CERVONE  
DON GAETZ  
GLENTON GILZEAN, JR.  
JOHN GRANT  
WILLIAM MEGGS  
ED MOORE  
JIM WALDMAN

Wengay Newton, Sr. was absent from the meeting.

The presence of a quorum was noted.

**Commissioner Anchors, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2023, Public Session meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

**CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – PRE-PROBABLE CAUSE JOINT STIPULATION**

**Complaint No. 22-146, In re JENNIE BLACKBURN**

Present was Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Hadley summarized the proposed pre-probable cause joint stipulation calling for a finding of violation of Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, with a recommendation of a civil penalty of \$1,000.

**Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Grant, moved to approve the proposed pre-probable cause joint stipulation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

**CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACTION – ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO DISMISS COMPLAINT**

**Complaint No. 22-110, In re CHARLES SAFDIE**

Present was Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate.

Ms. Hadley summarized her recommendation calling for the complaint to be dismissed.

**Commissioner Cervone, seconded by Commissioner Grant, moved to approve the Advocate's Motion to Dismiss Complaint. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

**CONSIDERATION OF ADVISORY OPINIONS**

**File 2796. VOTING CONFLICT: MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL VOTING ON SEPTIC TO SEWER CONVERSION PROJECT**

Staff Attorney Katharine Heyward explained the basis of the draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind its conclusion.

**Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Anchors, moved to approve the draft opinion. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

**File 2797. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: EMPLOYEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO ARE MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS OF A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

General Counsel Steve Zuilkowski explained the basis of the draft advisory opinion and the rationale behind its conclusion.

**Commissioner Anchors, seconded by Commissioner Gaetz, moved to approve the draft opinion. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDER DECLARING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FINES UNCOLLECTIBLE**

**In re WILLIAM FERRELL, JR., 2017 CE FORM 1**

**In re ROBERT SAFFOLD, 2010, 2016, 2017 CE FORM 1**

**Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Grant, moved to declare these fines uncollectible. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

**REPORTS**

The Chair had no report.

General Counsel Steve Zuilkowski provided an update on the Garcia v. Stillman lawsuit. He informed the Commission that Karen Brodeen, Special Counsel of the Office of the Attorney General, plans to file a motion to withdraw as counsel on the case.

**Commissioner Cervone, seconded by Commissioner Gaetz, moved to consent to Ms. Brodeen's withdrawal. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman elaborated on her written report previously provided to the Commissioners.

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**Commissioner Gaetz, seconded by Commissioner Anchors, moved to support the filing of Form 6 for Commission on Ethics members. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.**

Executive Director Kerrie Stillman updated the Commission on the relaunch of e-filing.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items on the agenda, the Public Session adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

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Glenton "Glen" Gilzean, Jr., *Chair*

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Date