

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

JUNE 1, 2017

**THURSDAY
1:30 P.M.**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS:

Michael S. Kridel, Chair
Clevis Headley, Vice Chair
Michael F. Loffredo – Absent
Judy M. Pierman
Sarah L. Shullman

STAFF:

Mark E. Bannon, Commission on Ethics (COE) Executive Director
Anthony C. Bennett, COE Chief Investigator
Abigail Irizarry, COE Investigator I
Christie E. Kelley, Esq., COE General Counsel
Gina A. Levesque, COE Intake and Compliance Manager

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Julie Burns, Deputy Clerk, Clerk & Comptroller's Office

- III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – None**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 4, 2017**

MOTION to approve the May 4, 2017 minutes. Motion by Clevis Headley, seconded by Judy Pierman, and carried 4-0. Michael Loffredo absent.

RECESS

At 1:32 p.m., the chair declared the meeting recessed for an executive session.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: C16-011

RECONVENE

At 2:30 p.m., the meeting reconvened with Chair Kridel, Vice Chair Clevis Headley, and Commissioners Judy Pierman, and Sarah Shullman present.

Vice Chair Headley read the following Public Report Finding Probable Cause as discussed during the executive session:

Complainant, Mark E. Bannon, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE), filed the above referenced complaint on September 12, 2016, alleging that Respondent, Alson Jacquet, former Vice Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, violated §2-443(a) and §2-443(b) of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics by using his official position as the *Vice Mayor* for the city to have his parking citation voided by the Delray Beach Police Department.

Pursuant to §2-258(a)1 of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Ordinance, the COE is empowered to enforce the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. On June 1, 2017, the Commission conducted a hearing and reviewed the Sworn Memorandum of Inquiry, the Report of Investigation, and the Probable Cause Recommendation submitted by the COE Advocate. After an oral statement by the Advocate and a similar opportunity provided to Respondent and his representative, the Commission determined that there are reasonably trustworthy facts and circumstances to find probable cause exists and that the Respondent may have violated §2-443(a) and §2-443(b) of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. A final hearing will be set to determine whether any violation occurred.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that probable cause exists and the complaint against Respondent, Alson Jacquet, will be set for FINAL HEARING within 120 days to be coordinated between the parties.

V. – CONTINUED

DONE AND ORDERED by the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics in public session on June 1, 2017.

(CLERK'S NOTE: The clerk added the language as printed in the Public Report Finding Probable Cause.)

VI. PROCESSED ADVISORY OPINIONS (Consent Agenda)

VI.a. Request for Opinion (RQO 17-007)

VI.b. RQO 17-008

VI.c. RQO 17-009

MOTION to approve the consent agenda. Motion by Judy Pierman, seconded by Clevis Headley, and carried 4-0. Michael Loffredo absent.

VII. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

VIII.A.

DISCUSSED: COE Update.

Mark Bannon, COE Executive Director, said that staff was continuing its investigations, inquiries, and municipal ethics training as well as attending municipal meetings.

IX. COMMISSION COMMENTS – None

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 2:35 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Chair/Vice Chair