

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

MARCH 4, 2021

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

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEISMAN GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Peter L. Cruise, Chair
Michael S. Kridel, Vice Chair
Carol E.A. DeGraffenreidt
Michael H. Kugler
Rodney G. Romano

STAFF:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Danielle Freeman, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Office

III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS- None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 4, 2021

MOTION to approve the February 4, 2021 minutes. Motion by Rodney Romano, seconded by Michael Kridel, and carried 5-0.

V. PROCESSED ADVISORY OPINION RQO 21-011 (CONSENT AGENDA)

MOTION to approve the consent agenda. Motion by Michael Kugler, seconded by Rodney Romano, and carried 5-0.

VI. UPDATE: REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Mark Bannon, Commission on Ethics (COE) Executive Director said that:

- The COE Review Committee met on February 25, 2021 to consider proposed COE changes.
 - There was discussion regarding the reasons for some of the changes; however, all changes were accepted. This item could be on the April 6, 2021 BCC agenda.
 - No discussion was necessary to come back before the COE.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

VII.a.

DISCUSSED: Lynn Hubbard.

Mr. Bannon said that:

- The Lynn Hubbard case was set to be heard on April 6 and 7 2021.
 - Ms. Hubbard's attorney filed an appeal based on some of the hearing officer's rulings.
 - Ms. Hubbard had 5 days to respond and then a ruling would be made.
 - No changes by Ms. Hubbard were expected. She was granted everything that she requested and there should not be an emergency continuance.
 - Due to COVID-19 concerns, there was an outstanding matter regarding witnesses appearing in chambers or attending via WebEx. Additional details would be provided at a later time.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

VIII.a.

DISCUSSED: Expression of Thanks.

Commissioner DeGraffenreidt thanked everyone for the card and the love that was extended for the passing of her brother as well as to those that attended the service.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS- None

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:35 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter A. Quinn".

Chair/Vice Chair