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# News Release

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## Summary of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Meeting Held on April 4, 2019

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE) took the following actions at its monthly public meeting held on April 4, 2019.

One complaint was heard in executive session. The complete file is published on the COE website at: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/complaints.htm>.

**C17-029:** After considering the investigative report, probable cause recommendation, and statement of the COE advocate, the COE found probable cause did not exist and dismissed the complaint because there was no evidence that any violation had occurred.

One advisory opinion was approved. The full opinion is published and available at: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/opinions.htm>.

**RQO 19-005:** A city of Delray Beach employee asked if he may solicit or accept donations from businesses on behalf of a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of which he is an officer or director.

**The COE opined as follows:** He is not prohibited from soliciting or accepting donations from businesses on behalf of the nonprofit while maintaining his position with the nonprofit organization, provided that he does so in his private capacity. Any solicitation of donations would need to be in his name without reference to his title or position with the city. If he solicits donations in excess of \$100 from a vendor, lobbyist, or principal or employer of a lobbyist of the city of Delray Beach, then he must maintain a record of any solicitations from these city vendors, lobbyists, principals or employers of lobbyists, and submit a solicitation log to the COE within 30 days of the solicitation, or within 30 days of a fundraising event held.

A detailed explanation of all agenda items is available at <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/meetings.htm>.

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