

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

**OCTOBER 1, 2020**

**THURSDAY  
1:29 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 – Absent

**STAFF:**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Deputy Clerk, Danielle Freeman, Clerk & Comptroller's Office (Minutes)

**III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS – None**

**IV. PROCESSED ADVISORY OPINION RQO 20-010 (CONSENT AGENDA)**

Chair Cruise said that he would pull the item from the consent agenda due to a revision that was made by staff prior to publishing.

Mark Bannon, Commission on Ethics (COE) Executive Director said that in reference to the revision that was made to the RQO-20-010 as outlined in the attachment, any single gift valued up to \$100 that was not from a lobbyist or a County or City vendor, could be accepted without reporting, although a single gift over \$100 had to be reported.

**MOTION to approve the revised RQO 20-010. Motion made by Michael Kugler, seconded by Michael Kridel, and carried 4-0. Rodney Romano absent.**

**V. DISCUSSION AND NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION (BCC) FOR THEM TO APPOINT TWO (2) CANDIDATES TO THE ETHICS ORDINANCES REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Bannon said that he would be recommending the following three candidates to the BCC:

- David Baker,
- Chauncey Graham, and
- Andrea McMillan.

He added that the BCC was not limited to candidates that the committee recommended as long as they appoint for 2 seats.

**MOTION to recommend the following three review committee candidates to the Board of County Commissioners: David Baker, Chauncey Graham, and Andrea McMillan. Motion made by Michael Kugler, seconded by Carol DeGraffenreidt, and carried 4-0. Rodney Romano absent.**

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

**VI.a.**

Mr. Bannon said that:

- Going forward, all Commission on Ethics meetings will be held in chambers unless the Governor issued a new executive order mandating virtual meetings.
- The next COE meeting would include an executive session.
- He asked commission members to respond to any voicemail or email communications that they received from staff.
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**VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**VII.a.**

Commissioner Kugler, said that he was happy to see everyone in person and has hopes for things to continue in the right direction.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**VIII.a.**

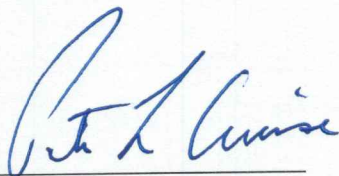
**DISCUSSED:** Executive Order.

Richard Radcliffe, Palm Beach County League of Cities Executive Director clarified that Governor DeSantis extended the executive order for virtual meetings to continue through the end of month and that it would officially expire on November 1, 2020.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 1:37 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.**

APPROVED:



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Chair/Vice Chair