

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

**August 4, 2022**

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

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
WEISMAN GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

**MEMBERS:**

Rodney G. Romano, Chair  
Michael H. Kugler, Vice Chair  
Peter L. Cruise  
Michael S. Kridel  
Danielle A. Sherriff

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:**

Rhonda Giger, General Counsel  
Mark A. Higgs, COE Investigator II  
Abigail Irizarry, COE Investigator II  
Christie E. Kelley, COE Director III  
Gina A. Levesque, COE Intake and Compliance Manager

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:**

Danielle Freeman, Deputy Clerk

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

(CLERK'S NOTE: The clerk called the roll at this time.)

**IV. ROLL CALL**

All members were present.

(CLERK'S NOTE: The order of the agenda was restored at this time.)

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Sherriff.

### **III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

No introductory remarks were made.

### **V. PROCESSED ADVISORY OPINIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)**

#### **a. RQO 22-016**

**MOTION to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion by Vice Chair Kugler, seconded by Commissioner Cruise, and carried 5-0.**

### **VI. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were pulled from consent.

### **VII. PRESENTATION TO FORMER COMMISSIONER DEGRAFFENREIDT**

Chair Romano presented a plaque to former Commissioner DeGraffenreidt in honor of her service with the COE.

### **VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Christie Kelley, COE Director III, provided the following updates:

- it had been agreed that meetings of the Office of Inspector General (IG) would take place after COE meetings that did not require an executive session;
- General Counsel Rhonda Giger had conducted two make-up ethics trainings for employees with the Town of Palm Beach who were unable to attend the June sessions; and
- since March, staff had attended 31 meetings of the 39 municipalities in Palm Beach County.

Ms. Kelley also thanked COE Intake and Compliance manager Gina Levesque for updating the COE website.

### **IX. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

1. Vice Chair Kugler thanked former Commissioner DeGraffenreidt for her service with the COE and wished her well in her future endeavors.
2. Commissioner Cruise thanked former Commissioner DeGraffenreidt for attending with her son.
3. Commissioner Sherriff wished former Commissioner DeGraffenreidt well.

4. Chair Romano said that he was happy for former Commissioner DeGraffenreidt and wished her luck.

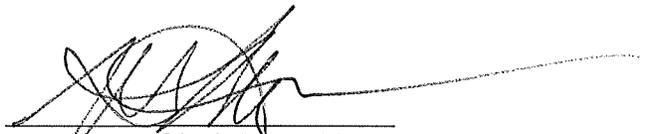
**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 1:36 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.**

APPROVED:



Chair/Vice Chair