

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

COE 15TH ANNIVERSARY INTERVIEWS

APRIL 3, 2025

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

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEISMAN GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

MEMBERS:

Michael S. Kridel, Chair
Peter L. Cruise, Vice Chair
Michael H. Kugler
Rodney G. Romano
Kristin A. Vara-Garcia

COMMISSION ON ETHICS STAFF PRESENT:

S. Lizabeth Martin, COE Communication and Education Manager

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

Danielle Freeman, Deputy Clerk

I. Chair and Vice Chair Q&A

The interviews began at 12:30 p.m.

S. Lizabeth Martin, COE Communication and Education Manager, interviewed Chair Kridel and Vice Chair Cruise for the Commission on Ethics 15th Year Anniversary. They responded to a series of questions from Ms. Martin about how the COE had evolved over the years and its anticipated future direction.

II. Break for COE Meeting in BCC Chambers

At 12:41 p.m., the interviews were paused for the COE meeting.

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At 1:59 p.m., the interviews resumed.

III. All Commissioners Q&A

(CLERK'S NOTE: Gina Levesque, COE Intake and Compliance Manager, joined the meeting.)

Ms. Martin continued the interviews with Chair Kridel, Vice Chair Cruise, Commissioner Kugler, Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Vara-Garcia.

Ms. Martin called for member self-introductions.

The commissioners shared their perspectives on how the COE contributed to the community's well-being, how they have increased awareness about the COE, and the biggest ethical challenges faced by public officials and County employees.

IV. Adjournment

The interviews were concluded at 2:18 p.m.

APPROVED:



Chair/Vice Chair