

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

JULY 9, 2026

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

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEISMAN GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

MEMBERS:

Rodney G. Romano, Chair
Alan I. Blass, Vice Chair
Peter L. Cruise
Michael H. Kugler
Kristin A. Vara-Garcia

COMMISSION ON ETHICS STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda Giger, COE General Counsel
Christie E. Kelley, COE Director III
Gina A. Levesque, COE Intake and Compliance Manager
S. Lizbeth Martin, COE Communication and Education Manager

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

Samantha Giaratana, Board Meetings Specialist

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The commissioners recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

All members were present.

IV. Introductory Remarks

No introductory remarks were made.

V. Approval of Minutes from June 4, 2026

MOTION to approve the minutes. Motion by Commissioner Kugler, seconded by Commissioner Cruise, and carried 5-0.

VI. Processed Advisory Opinions (Consent Agenda)

a. RQO 26-013

MOTION to approve the consent agenda. Motion by Commissioner Vara-Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Kugler, and carried 5-0.

VII. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

VIII. Executive Director Comments

Ms. Kelley reported the following updates:

1.

Staff remained busy with outreaches and training activities.

2.

Staff delivered presentations to various organizations and municipalities.

3.

Staff participated in the Florida Atlantic University's Leadership and Ethics Achievement Program Summer Camp.

4.

Ms. Kelley announced a joint meet-and-greet with the Office of Inspector General on July 17 at the Belle Glade Public Library from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

IX. Commission Comments

No comments were made.

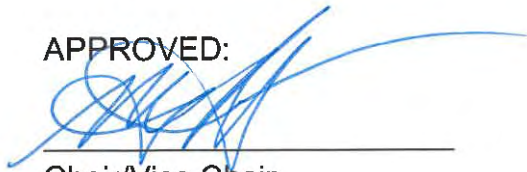
X. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

XI. Adjournment

At 1:34 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Chair/Vice Chair