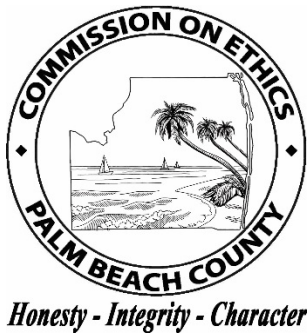




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Summary of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Meeting Held on September 3, 2026

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE) took the following action at its monthly public meeting held on September 3, 2026.

The COE approved one advisory opinion. The full opinion will be available on the COE's website within seven days at: <https://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/coepub/>.

RQO 26-017: An elected official asked what restrictions the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics would place on him if, while still holding office but acting in his capacity as a private citizen, he started an outside business that intended to partner with a venture capital firm.

COE ANSWER: Based on the facts presented, the elected official may engage in the outside business, provided he keeps his private business activities separate from his official duties. He may not use his public position, authority, influence, official title, or access gained through his position to benefit his outside business, its business partners, or its customers or clients. This includes using his title or position in connection with any solicitation, fundraising, or other business activity on behalf of the partnership. He also may not use confidential or nonpublic government information to benefit the business.

The elected official must also conduct the outside business on personal time and may not enter into contracts or other transactions for goods or services with the City. He must also abstain from participating in or voting on matters that would provide a special financial benefit to his outside business or its customers or clients.

OTHER ITEMS: The COE considered and approved the Complainant's unopposed motion to extend the time to file a response to Respondent's Motion for Attorney's Fees in C26-001.

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

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