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# News Release

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## Summary of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Meeting Held on May 2, 2024

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics took the following action at its monthly public meeting held on May 2, 2024.

One complaint was heard in executive session. The complete file will be available on the Commission's website within seven days at: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/complaints.htm>.

**C24-006**: After considering the investigative report, probable cause recommendation, and statements by the COE advocate and Respondent, the COE issued a letter of instruction, finding the violation was inadvertent, unintentional, or insubstantial.

The Commission approved one advisory opinion. The full opinion will be available on the Commission's website within seven days at:

<https://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/coepub/>

**RQO 24-005**: The attorney for a municipality asked if the Code of Ethics would prohibit the municipality from purchasing goods from the outside business of one of its council members.

**The COE opined as follows**: Generally, the Code restricts any actions that would result in a council member's outside business entering into a contract or transaction with their municipality. Thus, unless an exception applies, the Code would prohibit a contractual relationship between the municipality and the outside business of the councilmember.

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

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