

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

January 6, 2022

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

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEISMAN GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS:

Peter L. Cruise, Chair
Michael S. Kridel, Vice Chair
Carol E. A. DeGraffenreidt
Michael H. Kugler
Rodney G. Romano

STAFF:

Christie E. Kelley, Esq., Commission on Ethics (COE) Executive Director
Abigail Irizarry, COE Investigator II
Gina A. Levesque, COE Intake and Compliance Manager

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Marisa Valentin, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's Office

III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

III.a

Chair Cruise said that he wanted to recognize that this was Christie Kelley's first meeting in her new role as Executive Director.

IV. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

IV.a

Christie Kelley, COE Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the complaints and investigations handled by the office of the Commission on Ethics in 2021 as contained in the report.

Commissioner Kugler inquired about the status of the search for a General Counsel replacement following Ms. Kelley's promotion.

Ms. Kelley stated that a posting for the position was being created and further updates would be provided.

V. PROCESSED ADVISORY OPINIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

- a. RQO 21-019
- b. RQO 21-021

MOTION to approve the consent agenda. Motion made by Rodney Romano, seconded by Michael Kugler, and carried 5-0.

VI. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

VII.a

Ms. Kelley thanked the Commission for its confidence in granting her the promotion. She said that her office was in the process of finding a new General Counsel, and that a draft of a strategic plan would be presented to the commission soon.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS – None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX.a

The following public speakers welcomed Ms. Kelley in her new role as COE Executive Director and looked forward to working with her.

John Carey and Richard Radcliffe.

At 1:47 P.M., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.



Chair/Vice Chair