

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

JANUARY 12, 2023

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

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEISMAN GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

MEMBERS:

Rodney G. Romano, Chair
Michael H. Kugler, Vice Chair
Peter L. Cruise
Michael S. Kridel
Danielle A. Sherriff

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda Giger, General Counsel
Mark. A. Higgs, COE Investigator II
Abigail Irizarry, COE Investigator II
Christie E. Kelley, COE Director III
Gina A. Levesque, COE Intake and Compliance Manager

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

Liana Figueroa, Finance Manager
Andrea Nadler, Senior Board Meetings Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Kugler led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Michael H. Kugler, Commissioner Peter L. Cruise,
Commissioner Michael S. Kridel, Commissioner Danielle A. Sherriff

Absent: Chair Rodney G. Romano

IV. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Commissioner Sherriff wished her colleagues a Happy New Year. Vice Chair Kugler echoed Commissioner Sherriff's sentiments.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the November 3, 2022, minutes. Motion by Commissioner Sherriff, seconded by Commissioner Cruise, and carried 4-0.

MOTION to approve the December 8, 2022, minutes. Motion by Commissioner Cruise, seconded by Commissioner Kridel, and carried 4-0.

VI. 2022 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

Ms. Kelley presented the annual report.

VII. PROCESSED ADVISORY OPINIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)

- a. RQO 22-027
- b. RQO 22-028
- c. RQO 22-029
- d. RQO 22-030 (modified)

MOTION to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion by Commissioner Cruise, seconded by Commissioner Sherriff, and carried 4-0.

VIII. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were pulled from consent.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Ms. Kelley provided the following updates:

1. The COE was accepting applications for the position of Education and Communications Coordinator.
2. Ms. Kelley and Ms. Giger planned to meet with newly sworn-in BCC Commissioner Michael Barnett to provide Code of Ethics training.
3. The hearing regarding Lynne Hubbard was scheduled for January 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

X. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Cruise thanked his colleagues and staff who would be acting as judges and moderators at the upcoming High School Ethics Bowl at Florida Atlantic University.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Suzette Rodriguez, a District 3 resident, discussed concerns about her commissioner's responsiveness regarding an issue she had raised

XII. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn. Motion by Commissioner Kridel, seconded by Commissioner Cruise, and carried 4-0.

At 1:57 p.m., the vice chair declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Chair/Vice Chair