

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

**APRIL 6, 2017**

**THURSDAY  
1:31 P.M.**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS:**

Michael S. Kridel, Chair  
Clevis Headley, Vice Chair – Absent  
Michael F. Loffredo  
Judy M. Pierman  
Sarah L. Shullman – Absent

**STAFF:**

Mark E. Bannon, Commission on Ethics (COE) Executive Director  
Anthony C. Bennett, COE Chief Investigator  
Abigail Irizarry, COE Investigator I  
Christie E. Kelley, Esq., COE General Counsel  
Gina A. Levesque, COE Intake and Compliance Manager

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Cristina Lizarraga, Minutes Clerk, Clerk & Comptroller's Office

**III. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Chair Michael Kridel said that this would be a quick meeting. He said that there was a quorum and an abbreviated agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 2, 2017**

**MOTION to approve the March 2, 2017, minutes. Motion by Judy Pierman, seconded by Michael Loffredo, and carried 3-0. Clevis Headley and Sarah Shullman absent.**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2017**

Commissioner Judy Pierman said that on page 22 of 36, she was recorded saying that “requesting a government discount was not unethical” as a statement, but she recalled that she was actually inquiring whether or not a government discount was not unethical.

COE Intake and Compliance Manager Gina Levesque said that the clerk would review the meeting to verify whether the minutes were correct as written.

Commissioner Pierman said that with the clerk’s verification, she would approve the minutes.

**MOTION to approve the March 6, 2017, minutes as to be amended following clerk’s verification. Motion by Judy Pierman, seconded by Michael Loffredo, and carried 3-0. Clevis Headley and Sarah Shullman absent.**

(CLERK’S NOTE: The clerk verified that the March 6, 2017, minutes were correct as written. Ms. Levesque confirmed that the minutes would be published as initially submitted.)

**VI. PROCESSED ADVISORY OPINIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)**

**VI.a. RQO 17-005**

**VI.b. RQO 17-006**

**MOTION to approve the consent agenda. Motion by Michael Loffredo, seconded by Judy Pierman, and carried 3-0. Clevis Headley and Sarah Shullman absent.**

**VII. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

**VIII.a.**

**DISCUSSED:** Palm Beach County Day.

COE Executive Director Mark Bannon said that he visited the City of Tallahassee on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for Palm Beach County Day. He added that he met with legislators and it was an interesting experience.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS – CONTINUED**

### **VIII.b.**

**DISCUSSED:** Trainings.

Mr. Bannon said that he and COE General Counsel Christie Kelley were conducting live trainings in the City of Riviera Beach.

### **VIII.c.**

**DISCUSSED:** Commendation.

Mr. Bannon commended Ms. Levesque's son, who reached all of the qualifications for Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America. He added that it was an achievement that only 4-5% of scouts ever reached.

### **VIII.d.**

**DISCUSSED:** Anniversary.

Mr. Bannon acknowledged that April 5<sup>th</sup> was the 1-year anniversary of COE Investigator Abigail Irizarry's employment with the COE.

## **IX. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

### **IX.a.**

**DISCUSSED:** Congratulations.

Commissioner Pierman congratulated Ms. Levesque's son for his achievement in reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 1:38 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.**

APPROVED

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Chair/Vice Chair