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Summary of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Meeting Held on July 11, 2013

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE) took the following actions at its monthly public meeting held on July 11, 2013. All documents pertaining to complaints C13-001, C13-010, C13-011 and C12-013 are published on the COE website at <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/complaints.htm>.

C13-001: The COE issued a letter of instruction and final order of dismissal. After finding probable cause to believe that Wellington Mayor Robert Margolis may have violated the Code of Ethics, the COE dismissed the case believing that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further and that the alleged violation was inadvertent and unintentional.

C13-010: The COE issued a public report and final order of dismissal. This matter came before the COE in executive session based on a sworn complaint. The COE reviewed and considered the investigative report, documentary submissions, and the recommendation of staff and determined that there was no evidence to support a finding of probable cause in this matter.

C13-011: The COE issued a letter of reprimand, fine and final order of dismissal. Respondent, Gail James admitted that she violated the Code of Ethics by accepting travel expenses and a gift in excess of one hundred dollars.

C13-013: The COE issued a public report and final order of dismissal. This matter came before the COE in executive session based on a sworn complaint. After reviewing staff's memoranda of inquiry, documentary submissions and the recommendation of staff, the COE determined the complaint was not legally sufficient and issued the order of dismissal.

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

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