

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

JULY 6, 2018

**FRIDAY
9:00 A.M.**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

MEMBERS:

Christy Goddeau, Hearing Officer

STAFF:

Mark E. Bannon, Commission on Ethics (COE) Executive Director
Gina A. Levesque, COE Intake and Compliance Manager

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Victoria Torres, Deputy Clerk, Clerk & Comptroller's Office

Hearing Officer Christy Goddeau stated that the hearing was a Final Pre-Hearing Conference in the case of Ronald Jones, Case 17-002 (RQO 17-002). She said that a list of pending matters would be reviewed before the final hearing on July 16, 2018. She added that there was a joint motion for a telephonic appearance for some witnesses and in order for her to grant that motion, she requested that each witness be properly sworn in to testify.

Arthur Schofield, attorney for the respondent, said that since last month's hearing, 2 depositions of critical witnesses had been conducted.

Ms. Goddeau inquired if any stipulation of fact had been prepared.

Mr. Schofield commented that there was no stipulation in place, but that he and the COE counsel could provide that information. He added that there were about 10 to 15 exhibits issued in this case and that the hearing should not last more than a day.

Ms. Goddeau inquired about the number of witnesses anticipated to be present at the hearing.

Dodger Arp, COE counsel, responded that there would be approximately 9 witnesses.

Ms. Goddeau stated that a stipulation would be helpful for her to understand all the pending issues and to make the hearing flow more efficiently. She said that since the final hearing was set for July 16th, the stipulation should be provided to her no later than July 13th, the Friday before the meeting.

Mr. Schofield said that if there were any mutually acceptable exhibits, he and Mr. Arp would identify them in the stipulation of fact requested.

At 9:12 a.m., Ms. Goddeau declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Chair/Vice Chair