

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

**FEBRUARY 2, 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:**

Andrea Nadler, Senior Board Meetings Specialist

**I. Call to Order**

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Kridel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call**

All members were present.

**IV. Introductory Remarks**

No remarks were made.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION to approve the January 12, 2023, minutes. Motion by Commissioner Cruise, seconded by Vice Chair Kugler, and carried 5-0.**

**VI. Processed Advisory Opinions (Consent Agenda)**

a. RQO 23-002

**MOTION to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion by Vice Chair Kugler, seconded by Commissioner Cruise, and carried 5-0.**

**VII. Items Pulled from Consent Agenda**

No items were pulled from the consent agenda.

**VIII. Executive Director Comments**

Ms. Kelley provided the following updates:

1.

On January 28, 2023, Ms. Kelley and Ms. Levesque acted as moderators at the 2023 Regional High School Ethics Bowl. Ms. Kelley congratulated the winning team from Archimedian Upper Conservatory.

2.

On February 8, 2023, the final hearing for C22-005 would be held with John Cleary serving as the COE's advocate.

3.

On February 15, 2023, Ms. Kelley and Ms. Giger were scheduled to meet with Commissioner Barnett for an ethics overview training.

4.

Ms. Kelley informed the commission that annual visits to Palm Beach County municipalities had commenced and that visits to Hypoluxo, Boynton Beach, and Glen Ridge had taken place in January. The goal was to visit the remaining 36 municipalities over the course of the year.

5.

The next COE meeting was scheduled for March 9, 2023.

**IX. Commission Comments**

1.

Commissioner Cruise thanked Ms. Kelley and Ms. Levesque for their support of the High School Ethics Bowl.

2.

Commissioner Cruise asked Ms. Kelley about the procedure for including a proposed new municipality in the rotation of scheduled visits, and Ms. Kelley explained the process.

3.

Chair Romano apologized to Commissioner Cruise for having missed the Ethics Bowl.

**X. Public Comments**

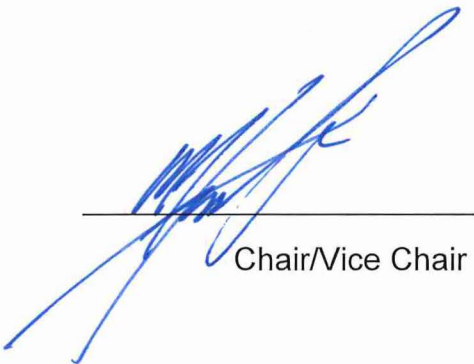
No comments were made.

**XI. Adjournment**

**MOTION to adjourn. Motion by Vice Chair Kugler and carried 5-0.**

**At 1:43 p.m., the vice chair declared the meeting adjourned.**

APPROVED:



Chair/Vice Chair