

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

OCTOBER 18, 2023

**WEDNESDAY
10:00 A.M.**

WEBEX TELECONFERENCE

**In Re: Edward Lynch
Case No. C23-002**

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

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:

Danielle Freeman, Deputy Clerk
Jillian Zalewska, Deputy Clerk

ALSO PRESENT:

Elizabeth R. Clark, Esquire, Hearing Officer
John Cleary, COE Advocate
Edward Lynch, Respondent
William Cornwell, Esquire, Attorney for Respondent
Harry Winderman, Esquire, Attorney for Respondent

Ms. Clark called the hearing to order at 10:02 a.m.

Ms. Levesque stated that the negotiated settlement hearing concerned the COE complaint against Edward Lynch Sr.

At Ms. Clark's request, the attendees stated their appearances for the record.

Ms. Clark said it was her understanding that the parties had reached a negotiated settlement agreement. She stated that she had received a copy of the agreement, the proposed final order, and the proposed letter of instruction.

Ms. Clark asked Mr. Cleary if he had any comments.

Mr. Cleary thanked everyone for their work and said that the parties had reached an excellent result.

Mr. Winderman expressed agreement with Mr. Cleary's remarks and noted that although the parties had differed regarding the original language in the letter of instruction and negotiated settlement, they had reached a compromise.

Ms. Clark asked Mr. Lynch if he had spoken with his attorney and if he agreed with the terms of the agreement.

Mr. Lynch responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Clark asked Mr. Lynch if he believed the negotiated settlement agreement was in his best interest, and Mr. Lynch responded that he did.

Ms. Clark asked if Mr. Lynch or the attorneys had any comments or wished to add anything to the agreement.

Mr. Winderman said that the negotiated settlement clearly reflected the agreement among the parties.

Ms. Clark stated that she had reviewed the documents and would sign the final order and send a copy to Ms. Levesque, who would disseminate it to the other parties.

At 10:07 a.m., Ms. Clark declared the hearing adjourned.