

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

OCTOBER 9, 2025

**THURSDAY
1:30 P.M.**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
WEISMAN GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

MEMBERS:

Michael S. Kridel, Chair
Peter L. Cruise, Vice Chair
Michael H. Kugler
Rodney G. Romano
Kristin A. Vara-Garcia

COMMISSION ON ETHICS STAFF PRESENT:

Rhonda Giger, COE General Counsel
Abigail Irizarry, COE Investigator II
Christie E. Kelley, COE Director III
Gina A. Levesque, COE Intake and Compliance Manager
S. Lizabeth Martin, COE Communications and Education Manager

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE STAFF PRESENT:

Chayanne Munet, Deputy Clerk

(CLERK'S NOTE: Commissioner Kugler served as chair in the absence of Chair Kridel and Vice Chair Cruise.)

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Kugler called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Romano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Kugler, Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Vara-Garcia

Absent: Vice Chair Cruise and Chair Kridel

IV. Introductory Remarks

No comments were made.

V. Approval of Minutes from September 4, 2025

MOTION to approve the minutes. Motion by Commissioner Vara-Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Romano, and carried 3-0.

VI. Executive Director Comments

Ms. Kelly reported the following updates:

Staff participated in various outreach events in September.

Ms. Kelly and Commissioner Cruise provided an overview of the COE and their mission to the Leadership Palm Beach County Engage Class of 2026 during their Civics and Governments Day.

Ms. Giger provided ethics training courses for employees and officials within various municipalities.

The next Inspector General meeting would take place on November 6.

VII. Commission Comments

No comments were made.

VIII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

At 1:34 p.m., Commissioner Kugler declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


Chair/Vice Chair