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# News Release

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## Summary of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Meeting Held on April 4, 2024

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics took the following action at its monthly public meeting held on April 4, 2024.

Commissioner Michael H. Kugler was sworn in by Judge Reid Scott for a four year term. Mr. Kugler was appointed by the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association, the Hispanic Bar Association of Palm Beach County, and the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

The Commission approved a joint [letter to Governor Ron DeSantis](#) regarding CS/SB 7014.

The Commission approved two advisory opinions. The full opinions are available at [Advisory Opinion Search \(palmbeachcountyethics.com\)](http://palmbeachcountyethics.com).

**RQO 24-003:** A member of the Palm Beach County Zoning Commission (ZC) asked if the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (Code) prohibited her from participating in discussions and voting on an agenda item that involves a property located directly adjacent to her home address.

**The COE opined as follows:** The Code generally restricts any actions that would result in a prohibited special financial benefit. Based on the size of the class affected by this project, the Code would prohibit the ZC member from participating in discussions or voting on this project.

**RQO 24-004:** A municipal employee asked if the Code would prohibit her niece from volunteering at the Public Library where she serves as director.

**The COE opined as follows:** The Code does not prohibit the niece's volunteer work at the library where the employee serves as the director. This is because the niece will be an unpaid volunteer who will not exercise any discretionary authority and will therefore not be covered by any of the prohibitions outlined in the Anti-nepotism section of the Code.

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

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