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Summary of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Meeting Held on July 6, 2023

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE) took the following action at its monthly public meeting held on July 6, 2023.

Kristin A. Vara-Garcia was sworn in as a COE Commissioner by Judge Sherri Collins of the 15th Judicial Circuit of Florida. Commissioner Vara-Garcia was appointed by the president of the Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police to complete the appointment term, which ends February 28, 2024.

One complaint was heard in executive session. The complete file is on the COE website at: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/complaints.htm>.

C23-009: After considering the facts contained in the investigative report and a statement from the respondent, the commission approved a negotiated settlement wherein the respondent admitted he violated the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics and accepted a letter of reprimand.

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

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