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Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 2:43 PM
To: [Kim Wallin](#); [Brian Duffrin](#); [Barbara Gruenewald](#); [Teresa Lowry](#); James Oscarson; Damian R. Sheets; [Thoran Towler](#); [Amanda Yen](#)
Cc: [Kari Anne Pedroza](#); [Laena St Jules](#); [Erron Terry](#); [Elizabeth Bassett](#)
Subject: Calendar Changes - Spring/Summer Meeting Changes

Good afternoon,

We have had some shifts in the calendar and anticipated cases in May and June. Please review the following information

May Commission Meeting – 5/17 (Zoom/Reno)

Personnel Subcommittee – 5/17 (Reno)

- The Personnel Subcommittee will meet and interview 3 candidates for Commission Counsel

Potential Commission Counsel Hiring Meeting - 5/30

- If the Personnel Subcommittee refers a candidate or candidates to the full Commission, we would like to target this date for a final interview. Please let me know ASAP if you cannot make this meeting.

June Commission Meeting – 6/13 (Reno)

- Lombardo Motion Hearing

July – no meeting unless someone refused to waive timeframes / panels likely

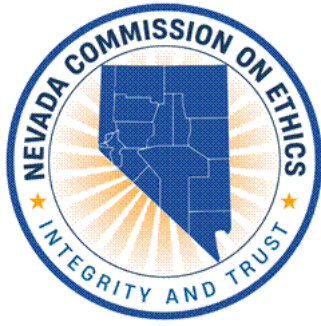
August – currently scheduled for 8/16

- The chair is unavailable that day and please let me know if either August 9 or 23 or both work for you.

If you would like to travel to Reno for the June 13 meeting, please let Kari know by May 25.

Ross

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From: [Kim Wallin](#)
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 8:50 PM
To:
Subject: Fw: Resignation

From: Damian R. Sheets <dsheets@ethics.nv.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7:57 AM
To: Ross Armstrong <RArmstrong@ethics.nv.gov>
Cc: Kim Wallin <kwallin@ethics.nv.gov>
Subject: Resignation

Dear Chairwoman Wallin and Executive Director Armstrong

I have mixed emotions in writing this letter which serves as my formal resignation as a Commissioner of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. My resignation is immediate and I am copying the Governor's office on this resignation letter. It is with great sadness that I make this decision, but I can no longer serve on a commission that has strayed from its original purpose and has been tainted by political interference, whether it be a product of internal members' political views or external influence.

When Democratic Governor Sisolak appointed me to the Commission, I was honored to accept. My father, at one time, had been the Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Ethics. I had always believed the Commission was established to protect Nevada citizens from the misuse of political office for personal gain and to ensure that governmental officials act with the highest level of integrity and honesty. The Commission was specifically designed to operate free of political interference and with the highest level of objective scrutiny. Unfortunately, since becoming a Commissioner, I have witnessed a disturbing trend in the Commission's behavior that leads me to feel my time must come to an end.

While the Commission is supposed to investigate complaints without bias, prejudice, or preference, the Commission's recent actions have shown it has little desire to do so. Shortly after hiring a new executive director, the Commission self-initiated a complaint and investigation against then gubernatorial candidate Joseph Lombardo. This complaint, which was initiated by the then Executive Director of the Commission alleged that Mr. Lombardo was committing an ethics violation because of his display of his badge in campaign ads. To somehow claim that a gubernatorial candidate who was the current Clark County Sheriff should be prohibited from discussing with or showing the public his high ranking law enforcement service to the community was preposterous and, in my opinion, such a proposition was particularly offensive considering the complaints about others that the Commission elected not to investigate, even after concluding there was jurisdiction to do so.

Also of particular concern was the timing of this self-initiated complaint, which just so happened to be initiated during the beginning of a hotly contested gubernatorial race (the Commission formally issued the order for the investigation February 24, 2022, and the self initiated complaint was tendered shortly after Mr. Lombardo announced his campaign run in 2021). Additionally, and mysteriously, shortly thereafter, the Executive Director was terminated or resigned from the Commission without any sufficient explanation to the

Commission as to the reasoning behind that departure. During the discussions regarding the Lombardo complaint, I objected to the Commission's course and made my position clear. I was admonished by others at the commission that precedent established that there was an ethical violation. I did not feel it was proper that my findings were being suggested for me, especially considering I had already made my objections known. Despite these objections, the review panel -comprised of myself, a Democrat appointed by Governor Sisolak, Commissioner Grunewald, a Democratic Legislative appointee, and Commissioner Duffrin, another Sisolak appointee- overruled my vote and chose (despite the Commission's actions with other individuals) to pursue this complaint against then Republican candidate and now Governor Lombardo.

In my opinion, this behavior was unacceptable and violates the core principles upon which the Commission was founded. The decision to self-initiate a complaint against a gubernatorial candidate, during the outset of the campaign, while having previously ignored other (stronger) complaints against other individuals, appeared to be nothing more than a politically motivated hit job. This decision went against the principles of fairness and impartiality that are essential to the Commission's work. It is clear to me that the Commission has lost its way and is no longer operating in the best interests of the citizens of Nevada or free of political influence and, while I had hoped to remain on the Commission to vote against any action proposed against Governor Lombardo, it appears that my vote will have no consequence, as the decision has already been made. Therefore, I am resigning immediately and hoping that this letter breathes some common sense into the remaining Commissioners' handling of the misplaced Lombardo complaint.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Commission. It was an honor to be appointed to a commission with the common goal of upholding the highest standards of ethics in public office. I am proud of the work I have done, the strong opinions I have put forth, and I hope that the Commission will soon find its way back to the principles that guided its establishment.

Thank you for your time and assistance, and I wish the Commission well.

From: [Kari Anne Pedroza](#)
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 5:24 PM
To: [Kim Wallin](#); [Brian Duffrin](#); [Barbara Gruenewald](#); [Teresa Lowry](#); James Oscarson; [Thoran Towler](#); [Amanda Yen](#)
Cc: [Wayne Klomp](#); [Wendy Pfaff](#)
Subject: June 13 Meeting Materials

Good afternoon Commissioners,

Please find attached Agenda, Meeting Materials, and Tentative Schedule for next week's Commission Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, June 13th**.

The meetings will be held at the Reno State Bar of Nevada located at 9456 Double R Blvd, Suite B, as well as via Zoom. I forwarded the Zoom meeting invitations to you, please let me know if you plan on attending via Zoom and did not receive your Zoom invite.

We will begin with **Closed Session** meeting at 8:45 a.m. (Please Note: The Confidential Memorandum pertaining to Item 5 will be provided by C.O.B. Thursday June 8)

Closed Session Zoom

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84143346143?pwd=b2d1WXgyczdCWlhJWVZUWms4c005QT09>

Meeting ID: 841 4334 6143

Passcode: 989712

The **Open Meeting** is noticed to begin at **9:30 a.m.**

Open Session Zoom

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82536449687?pwd=UkNSdm1xRlISd3NFQlpQeC9LUmtMUT09>

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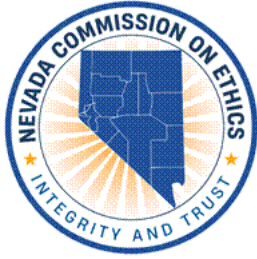
We will not be holding a Review Panel hearing this time. The next Review Panel meeting will be held on June 21, 2023 via Zoom.

Please do not hesitate to call me at the office should you require any assistance with the transmission of the attachments or have any questions. Please contact Conflict Counsel Wayne Klomp at (775) 770-0386 or wayne@greatbasinlawyer.com if you have legal questions regarding this matter.

Thank you,

Kari Pedroza

Executive Assistant



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From: [Kim Wallin](#)
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 3:58 PM
To: [Greg D. Ott](#)
Subject: Re: Ethics Matters Case Nos. 21-062C/082C (Lombardo)-
Stipulated Matters

Hi Greg,

Has a conflict counsel been hired for this matter? If so can you please send me his contact information so he can advise me on this?

Kind regards,

Chair Wallin

From: [Kim Wallin](#)
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 1:20 PM
To: Sam Mirkovich; Elizabeth Bassett; Greg D. Ott
Cc: [Ross Armstrong](#); [Wayne Klomp](#); Darci L. Hayden
Subject: Re: Ethics Matters Case Nos. 21-062C/082C (Lombardo)-
Stipulated Matters

Hi Liz and Sam,

Let's set it up for Jan 12th at 1:00 pm, and we can do it virtually. We can set up a Zoom meeting on our end.

Looking for to our meeting.

Kind regards,

Chair Wallin

From: Kim Wallin <kwallin@ethics.nv.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 12:20 PM

To: Elizabeth Bassett <EBassett@ethics.nv.gov>; Greg D. Ott <GOtt@ag.nv.gov>

Cc: Sam Mirkovich <srm@cwlawlv.com>; Ross Armstrong <RArmstrong@ethics.nv.gov>; Wayne Klomp <wayne@greatbasinlawyer.com>; Darci L. Hayden <dhayden@ethics.nv.gov>

Subject: Re: Ethics Matters Case Nos. 21-062C/082C (Lombardo)- Stipulated Matters

Hi Liz,

I am in receipt of your stipulated request to move the dispositive motion hearing and understand from your email that you both agree that the adjudicatory hearing and related deadlines can be vacated. I very much appreciate that counsel are

working together to address procedural issues. Before determining the best course forward, I would like to hold a status conference to address this and other issues regarding these consolidated cases. Pursuant to your joint request, we will vacate the current filing deadlines and hearing dates for both dispositive and adjudicatory hearings pending an amended scheduling order following the status conference. Please respond with your availability for a status conference (or coordinate with each other and provide a single date), and my office will set up a physical location and/or a Zoom link if you prefer a virtual appearance.

My office is available on January 12, 13, 17, 19, 26, & 27.

The topics I would expect to address include:

- Hearing procedure and details including, for example, anticipated duration, demonstrative exhibits, use of technology, etc.;
- Whether the adjudicatory hearing can be permanently vacated;
- Calendar and deadlines for hearing schedule; and
- Other procedural issues that may arise.

Also, as you know, the Office of the Attorney General has recused itself from representing the Commission in this proceeding. The OAG has retained Wayne Klomp as conflict counsel to represent the Commission. Please copy Wayne and Darci Hayden (both copied here) on communications going forward.

Kind regards,

Chair Wallin

From: [Tracy Chase](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 3:56 PM
To: [Kim Wallin](#); [Brian Duffrin](#); [Barbara Gruenewald](#); [Teresa Lowry](#); [James Oscarson](#); Damian R. Sheets; [Thoran Towler](#); [Amanda Yen](#)
Cc: Darci L. Hayden
Subject: RE: February 2022 Status Report on Review Panel deferral agreements and dismissals - Attorney-client protected communication (dissemination restricted)

Good afternoon, Commissioners:

Cases resolved by the Review Panels in February are:

2. Consolidated Case Nos. 21-062C and 21-082C (Lombardo) – Sheriff Lombardo is campaigning to be the next Governor for Nevada, and in doing so has used his uniform and other accoutrements of the office. The Review Panel referred Lombardo’s alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(2) and (7) to the Commission for further proceedings. On February 24, 2022, Commission Counsel requested a post-panel scheduling conference with the parties’ representative counsel for the following week. During the scheduling conference dates for motion and adjudicatory hearings are set with the parties and thereafter, a scheduling order is issued that contains the applicable deadlines for the case.

Please let me know should you have any questions about the information provided above. Please note that since the Executive Director is a party to the Deferral Agreements, he has not been copied on this correspondence to maintain the confidentiality of attorney-client protected communications. Thank you.

Regards,
Tracy

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Nevada Commission on Ethics



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From: [Kim Wallin](#)
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 8:06 AM
To: [Ross Armstrong](#)
Subject: Re: Jurisdictional Recommendation - 22-107C (Lombardo) - please respond by 11/7

Hi Ross,

Kind regards,

Chair Wallin

From: Ross Armstrong <RArmstrong@ethics.nv.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 7:28 AM
To: Kim Wallin <kwallin@ethics.nv.gov>; Brian Duffrin <bduffrin@ethics.nv.gov>; Barbara Gruenewald <bgruenewald@ethics.nv.gov>; Teresa Lowry <tlowry@ethics.nv.gov>; James Oscarson <joscarson@ethics.nv.gov>; Damian R. Sheets <dsheets@ethics.nv.gov>; Thoran Towler <ttowler@ethics.nv.gov>; Amanda Yen <ayen@ethics.nv.gov>
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Subject: Jurisdictional Recommendation - 22-107C (Lombardo) - please respond by 11/7

Good morning Commissioners:

Please see the attached

Lombardo is the Sheriff of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

The filed complaint alleges ethics violations based use of government equipment and resources to benefit his political campaign.

The final jurisdictional order must be issued by November 14, 2022.

The Commission's review and determination in this matter are not subject to the Open Meeting Law given the confidential phase of proceedings as pre-panel. Therefore, you may reply to all Commissioners if you seek to deliberate with the Commission or contact me directly with any questions.

For any legal questions related to this recommendation and proposed order, please contact Commission Counsel Tracy Chase.

Please confirm your vote regarding the Executive Director's recommendation to me directly.

Please advise whether you have any necessary disclosures or abstentions on this case.

Sincerely,

Ross

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From: LASVIRAL@outlook.com
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To: [Kim Wallin](#)
Subject: Sheriff/Gov Lombardo

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Hello, my name is

AL HEIFETZ , recently seen this story on the news did not know about any investigation, although I tried many times to get my story out about what this man in Joe, Lombardo and his subordinates did to me and my family. One of his campaign commercials showed Sherrif show in uniform, shaking hands with appears to be an ordinary couple in plain clothes with the caption reading protected our rights. That particular campaign was a personal dig at me by my estranged



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sister, Sharon Graziano to the average citizen, would think that the sheriff was protecting their rights. The ratesThe rights of the

citizens, That woman in the campaign commercial is Sherrif Joe lombardo's employee Sharon Graziano who is the office manager of the Las Vegas metropolitan police department, constable division and my sister, and the gentleman is my brother-in-law Bill Graziano.

My estranged sister, Sharon Graziano and her friends and coworkers at LVMPD Concocted this scheme and they intimidated my elderly mother over the phone by telling her I'm going to prison the city is gonna take my home, which I owned out right free and clear along with my elderly mother. My mother called me she was hysterical. Screaming telling me to call this detective Jeff Clark who just called her, telling her all these horrible things about me, which were completely fabricated, all made up lies . I called this Detective Jeff Clark and I left a voicemail message and never heard back ever from the Las Vegas metropolitan police department or Detective Jeffrey Clark My home was then stolen from me with an invalid quick claim . I was told this was an invalid quick claim by the county tax assessor and buy the county recorder and yet it still went through and my real property was stolen from me. And eviction notice posted on my door with my sisters Sharon, Graziano manager of the Las Vegas, metropolitan police departments, constable, divisions, hand writing on it. I found out that my home was put in a trust naming my sister, Sharon Graziano as the beneficiary I went to Internal Affairs with this and nothing was done no investigation ensued . In fact the detective Ivy IAD LVMPD said all his officers followed policy and procedure when he had no information did not know what happened did not know why there was two event numbers on a made up dummy report which had me listed as 135 pounds 5 foot 7 individual , I'm 6'3 203 pounds.

I was kicked out of my own home. on the street. My possessions were stolen from me. I went to sherrif Joe Lombardo and he just passed the buck to Captain James Larochelle who then pass the buck to Captain Jeff Koday who then said basically we're not gonna do a goddamn thing about it and he hung up on me. That's my estranged sister in the photo with my brother-in-law and her boss Joe Lombardo. Protected our rights whose rights ? metros rights or the citizens rights. My rights ? they stole my home. It was put into a trust they stole my home. It was put into a trust with Sharon Graziano as the beneficiary and she's the one that evicted me. They took advantage of my elderly onset Dementia having mother. And now this man is governor this must be added to his ethics violations.

I had a lawyer representing me a Brandon Phillips, Esquire, but he was and is an incompetent and total screwup a liar , it would be less to write the ethics violations that he did not violate, He never filed the injunction like he told me he did. while my home was in litigation.

Please help me these "Professional people" have made my life here in Nevaduh a living hell .

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