



STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Steve Alford**, Head Men's Basketball
Coach, University of Nevada, Reno,
State of Nevada,

Ethics Complaint
Case No. 20-064C

Subject. /

**REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION AND
REFERRAL ORDER**

NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") received this Ethics Complaint on September 8, 2020, regarding the alleged conduct of Subject Steve Alford ("Alford"). On October 26, 2020, the Commission instructed the Executive Director to investigate alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (3) and (10) and 281A.420.

Alford is a public employee as defined in NRS 281A.150, and the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 281A.280 because the allegations contained in the Complaint relate to Alford's conduct as a public employee and have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On August 18, 2021, a Review Panel ("Panel") consisting of Vice-Chair Brian Duffrin (Presiding Officer) and Commissioners Barbara Gruenewald, Esq. and James Oscarson reviewed the following: (1) Ethics Complaint No 20-064C (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation in Ethics Complaint No. 20-064C; (3) Alford's Response to the Complaint; and (4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings.¹

The Review Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts establish credible evidence to support a determination that just and sufficient cause exists for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter regarding the alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (3) and (10), and NRS 281A.420(1) and (3).

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¹All materials provided to the Panel, except the Ethics Complaint and the Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation, represent portions of the investigatory file and remain confidential pursuant to NRS 281A.750.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Based upon the just and sufficient cause determination, the Review Panel refers Ethics Complaint No. 20-064C to the Commission for further proceedings, which may include rendering an opinion on whether Alford violated NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (3), and (10), and NRS 281A.420(1) and (3).

Dated this 18th day of August, 2021.

REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: /s/ Brian Duffrin
Brian Duffrin
Vice-Chair/Presiding Officer

By: /s/ James Oscarson
James Oscarson
Commissioner

By: /s/ Barbara Gruenewald
Barbara Gruenewald, Esq.
Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Ethics and that on this day in Carson City, Nevada, I transmitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing **REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION AND REFERRAL ORDER** via U.S. Certified Mail and electronic mail addressed as follows:

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