



STATE OF NEVADA

BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Kevin Chisum**, Assessor,
Mineral County,
State of Nevada,

Ethics Complaint
Case No. 23-048C

Subject. /

REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION

NRS 281A.730; NAC 281A.440

The Nevada Commission on Ethics ("Commission") received this Ethics Complaint ("Complaint") from a member of the public on March 27, 2023, regarding the alleged conduct of Subject Kevin Chisum ("Chisum"). On May 10, 2023, the Commission instructed the Executive Director to investigate alleged violations of NRS 281A.400(1), (2), (6) and (7).

Chisum is a public officer as defined in NRS 281A.160, and the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to NRS 281A.280 because the allegations contained in the Complaint relate to Chisum's conduct as a public officer and have associated implications under the Ethics Law.

On July 25, 2023, a Review Panel consisting of Presiding Commissioner Teresa Lowry, Esq. (Presiding Officer), Vice-Chair Thoran Towler, Esq. and Amanda Yen, Esq. considered the following: (1) Ethics Complaint (2) Order on Jurisdiction and Investigation and Notice of Additional Facts and Issues; (3) Chisum's Response to the Complaint; and (4) Executive Director's Recommendation to the Review Panel with Summary of Investigatory Findings and Relevant Evidentiary Exhibits.¹

The Review Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts do not 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) and (6). However, the Review Panel unanimously finds and concludes that the facts do 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(7). Nevertheless, pursuant to NRS 281A.730, the Review Panel reasonably believes that Chisum's conduct may be appropriately addressed through corrective action under the terms and conditions of a deferral agreement instead of referring these allegations to the Commission for further proceedings at this time. The deferral agreement must confirm Chisum's acknowledgement of the following:

¹ All materials provided to the Review 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.755.

- Comply with the Ethics Law for a specified period of two years from the Panel's approval of the deferral agreement without being the subject of another complaint arising from an alleged violation of the Ethics Law and for which a review panel determines there is just and sufficient cause for the Commission to render an opinion in the matter;
- Receive training as approved by the Executive Director within 60 days of approval of the deferral agreement.

Unless an extension of time is authorized or directed by the Commission Counsel on behalf of the Review Panel, the Executive Director and Subject shall provide a proposed deferral agreement to the Review Panel through its Commission Counsel on or before September 25, 2023, which deadline may be extended by the Commission Counsel for good cause. If the Review Panel does not approve the deferral agreement or if the Subject declines to enter into a deferral agreement, the Review Panel will issue an order referring this matter to the Commission for further proceedings.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2023.

REVIEW PANEL OF THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

By: /s/ Teresa Lowry
Teresa Lowry
Commissioner/Presiding Officer

By: /s/ Thoran Towler
Vice-Chair Thoran Towler, Esq.

By: /s/ Amanda Yen
Amanda Yen, 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** via U.S. Certified Mail through the Nevada State Mailroom and electronic mail addressed as follows:

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