



NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02 Authorizing a demand and civil action to enforce the Governmental Conduct Act.

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION (“Commission”) met virtually on February 27, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS, the Commission has the power to investigate violations and bring a civil action to enforce the Governmental Conduct Act.

WHEREAS, the Commission has reason to believe that Dr. Joseph Shepard, violated NMSA 1978, Sections 10-16-3(A) of the Governmental Conduct Act.

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has sought the approval of the Commission to initiate a civil action under NMSA 1978, Sections, 10-16-14(E), 10-16-18(B) and 10-16G-9(F) to remedy violations of the Governmental Conduct Act, and any other laws within the Commission’s jurisdiction, and has explained the proposed civil action and remedies to be sought;

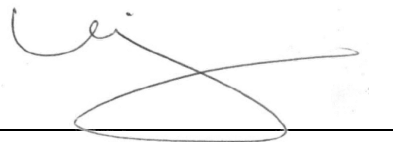
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission:

1. The Commission’s staff are authorized to demand that Dr. Joseph Shepard comply with the Governmental Conduct Act, to engage in settlement negotiations and mediation, to prepare and file civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking to enforce the civil compliance provisions of

the Governmental Conduct Act and any other relief that the court deems just and proper.

2. The Executive Director is instructed to provide regular updates on the status of the matter at the Commission's meetings during closed session. Commission staff shall communicate with the Chair as necessary between Commission meetings.
3. The Executive Director is authorized to enter an agreement to settle or dismiss claims brought against Dr. Joseph Shepard upon having conferred with the Chair or his designee.

Adopted by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission this 27th day of February 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Lang', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

The Hon. William F. Lang
New Mexico State Ethics Commission
Chair