



STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2025, 9:00AM [Subject to Ratification by Commission]

Call to Order

Chair Lang called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

1. Roll Call

Chair Lang called roll; the following Commissioners were present:

Hon. William F. Lang, Chair (attended virtually)
Jeffrey L. Baker (attended virtually)
Stuart M. Bluestone (attended virtually)
Hon. Celia Castillo (attended virtually)
Hon. Gary Clingman (attended virtually)
Hon. Terry McMillan (attended virtually)
Dr. Judy Villanueva (attended virtually)

2. Approval of Agenda

No motions were made to amend the agenda. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Bluestone seconded. Hearing no discussion or objections the agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of February 27, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the minutes of the February 27, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Bluestone moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Clingman seconded. Hearing no discussion or objections the February 27, 2025, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Commission Meeting Items

---Begin Executive Session---

Chair Lang sought a motion to enter executive session. Commissioner Castillo moved to enter executive session under NMSA 1978, §§ 10-15-1(H)(3) (administrative adjudicatory

proceedings) and 10-15-1(H)(7) (attorney-client privilege pertaining to litigation); Commissioner Villanueva seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, Commissioners voted unanimously to enter executive session.

4. Discussion regarding administrative matters under RULONA:
(Branch)

- a. 2025-NP-01

5. Discussion regarding administrative matters under State Ethics Commission Act:
(Chato, Randall)

- a. Administrative Complaint No. 2024-91
- b. Administrative Complaint No. 2025-02
- c. Administrative Complaint No. 2025-04
- d. Administrative Complaint No. 2025-05
- e. Administrative Complaint No. 2025-06
- f. Administrative Complaint No. 2025-07
- g. Administrative Complaint No. 2025-08
- h. Administrative Complaint No. 2025-09
- i. Administrative Complaint No. 2025-10

6. Discussion regarding current and potential litigation:
(Chato, Woods)

- a. Request for authorization of amicus participation in *Ortiz y Pino v. Toulouse Oliver* (10th Cir. 2025).
- b. Commission authorization of a civil action regarding violations of the Governmental Conduct Act by a former official of a local municipality.
- c. Commission authorization of a civil action regarding violations of the Government Conduct Act by an official of a local municipality.

---End Executive Session---

Matters discussed in closed meeting were limited to those specified in motion to enter executive session. After concluding discussion of these matters, the Commission resumed public session upon an appropriate motion pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(J).

7. Action on administrative matters under RULONA

- a. Commission staff sought a motion for an order of dismissal in 2025-NP-01. Chair Lang sought motion for approval of the dismissal. Commissioner Castillo moved to approve the dismissal; Commissioner Villanueva seconded. Hearing no discussion,

Chair Lang conducted roll call vote, and Commissioners unanimously approved the dismissal.

8. Action on Administrative Matters under the State Ethics Commission Act
(Chato, Randall)

Commission considered the following motions regarding actions on Administrative Complaints:

- a. Commission staff sought a motion for an order of dismissal due to certification of voluntary compliance by the Secretary of State's office in Administrative Case No. 2025-02. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the dismissal. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the dismissal; Commissioner Clingman seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the dismissal.
- b. Commission staff sought a motion for an order of dismissal due to lack of jurisdiction in Administrative Case No. 2025-04. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the dismissal. Commissioner Clingman moved to approve the dismissal; Commissioner Castillo seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the dismissal.
- c. Commission staff sought a motion for an order of dismissal due to lack of jurisdiction in Administrative Case No. 2025-05. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the dismissal. Commissioner McMillan moved to approve the dismissal; Commissioner Villanueva seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the dismissal.
- d. Commission staff sought a motion for an order of dismissal due to lack of jurisdiction in Administrative Case No. 2025-06. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the dismissal. Commissioner Bluestone moved to approve the dismissal; Commissioner Clingman seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the dismissal.
- e. Commission staff sought a motion for an order of dismissal due to lack of jurisdiction in Administrative Case No. 2025-07. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the dismissal. Commissioner Bluestone moved to approve the dismissal; Commissioner Castillo seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the dismissal.
- f. Commission staff sought a motion for an order of dismissal due to lack of jurisdiction in Administrative Case No. 2025-08. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the dismissal. Commissioner Bluestone moved to approve the dismissal; Commissioner Clingman seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the dismissal.

- g. Commission staff sought a motion for an order of dismissal due to lack of jurisdiction in Administrative Case No. 2025-09. Chair Lang recused himself from the matter and sought a motion for approval of the dismissal. Commissioner Bluestone moved to approve the dismissal; Commissioner McMillan seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the dismissal, Chair Lang recusing.
- h. Commission staff sought a motion for an order of dismissal due to lack of jurisdiction in Administrative Case No. 2025-10. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the dismissal. Commissioner Castillo moved to approve the dismissal; Commissioner Clingman seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the dismissal.

9. Action on Authorization of Civil Action

(Chato, Woods)

- a. Commission staff sought a motion for authorization of amicus participation in *Ortiz y Pino v. Toulouse Oliver* (10th Cir. 2025). Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the authorization. Commissioner Bluestone moved to approve the authorization; Commissioner Baker seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the authorization.
- b. Commission staff sought a motion for authorization of a civil action regarding violations of the Governmental Conduct Act by a former official of a local municipality. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the authorization. Commissioner Baker moved to approve the authorization; Commissioner Bluestone seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the authorization.
- c. Commission staff sought a motion for authorization of a civil action regarding violations of the Governmental Conduct Act by an official of a local municipality. Chair Lang sought a motion for approval of the authorization. Commissioner Bluestone moved to approve the authorization; Commissioner Clingman seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Lang conducted a roll call vote, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the authorization.

10. Discussion of Next Meeting

Chair Lang confirmed the next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on June 6, 2025.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

Chair Lang raised the adjournment of the meeting. With no objections made, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.

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