

SANDOVAL COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

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To: The Honorable David J. Heil, Chair Sandoval County Commission
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The Honorable Katherine A. Bruch, Sandoval County Commissioner
The Honorable Jay C. Block, Sandoval County Commissioner
The Honorable F. Kenneth Eichwald, Sandoval County Commissioner

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

The Sandoval County Ethics Board ("Ethics Board" or "Board") submits this report pursuant to Section 8(j)(3) of the Sandoval County Ethics Ordinance which states, in pertinent part:

...The ethics board shall provide the board of county commissioners with a quarterly report stating the number of complaints that were submitted alleging a violation of the ethics ordinance, the number of complaints submitted to the ethics board by the contract compliance officer and a summary of the status of each complaint to include the date of the complaint for the case to be heard and date for final possible action. The quarterly status report must be approved by the ethics board and made available to the public on the county's website...

I. ORGANIZATION

Ethics Board members during the reporting period were Robert Wilkins (District 1), Richard Coe (District 2), Cindy Adelsberg (District 3), Arnold Farley (District 4), and Ramon Montano (District 5).

Ethics Board alternate members during the reporting period were David Craig (District 1) and Frank Wirtz (District 2).

County Contract Compliance Officer (CCO) Luis Robles advises the Ethics Board and performs other duties as set forth in the Sandoval County Ethics Ordinance.

II. ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE ETHICS BOARD DURING THE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

A. COMPLAINTS

Number of complaints submitted alleging violation of the Ethics Ordinance: 1

Complaint 2021-002 Complainant Richard Seville was submitted.

Complaint 2021-001 Complainant Jeff Peters remained pending.

Number of complaints submitted to Ethics Board by Contract Compliance Officer: 1

Complaint 2021-002 Complainant Richard Seville was submitted.

Complaint 2021-001 Complainant Jeff Peters remained pending.

Summary of the status of each complaint:

Complaint 2021-001 Complainant Jeff Peters was dismissed by the Ethics Board on October 18, 2021.

Complaint 2021-002 Complainant Richard Seville: Ethics Board adopted the recommendation of dismissal by CCO Luis Robles and directed the CCO to send the complainant an explanatory letter.

B. ETHICS BOARD MEETING(S)

The Ethics Board met three times during the reporting period, twice in public session (August 26 and September 20) and once in closed session (August 17).

On August 17, 2021, the Board met in closed session to discuss matters subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened litigation to which the Ethics Board may become a participant.

At its August 26, 2021, meeting, the Board, among other things, approved its Quarterly Report for Q2 2021 and extended the time for resolution of Complaint 2021-001.

At its September 20, 2021, meeting, the Board, among other things, 1) discussed Complaint 2021-001 (subsequently a Preliminary Hearing was scheduled for and held on October 18, 2021), and 2) discussed Complaint 2021-002 and adopted the recommendation of dismissal by CCO Luis Robles and directed the Compliance Contract Officer to send the complainant an explanatory letter.

III. LOOKING FORWARD

The Ethics Board expects to fulfill its mandated duties and responsibilities, including its obligation to meet at least once per quarter, and more often when necessary.

Respectfully,

Sandoval County
Ethics Board