



## STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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### **Resolution No. 2022-10: Authorizing a demand and civil action to enforce the Governmental Conduct Act**

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION (“Commission”) met virtually, on December 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.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 Stephanie Stringer violated Subsection 10-16-4(C) of the Governmental Conduct Act by taking an official act while a public officer and employee that she should have had reason to believe would directly affect her financial interest;

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has sought the approval of the Commission to initiate a civil action under NMSA 1978, Sections 10-16-18(B) and 10-16G-9(F) against Ms. Stringer, and has explained the proposed civil action and remedies to be sought, to include a civil penalty of \$250 for each violation;

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

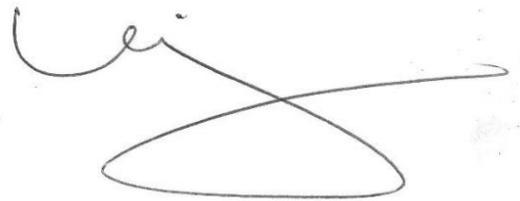
1. The Commission’s staff are authorized to prepare and file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking to enforce the civil compliance provisions

of the Governmental Conduct Act and any other relief that the court deems just and proper, and to send a demand to Ms. Stringer prior to initiation of such civil action.

2. If Commission staff file a lawsuit against Ms. Stringer, the Executive Director is instructed to provide regular updates on the status of the suit 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 Ms. Stringer, upon having conferred with the Chair or his designee.

Adopted by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission this 9th day of December 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Lang', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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