

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

Hon. William F. Lang, Chair Jeffrey L. Baker, Member Stuart M. Bluestone, Member Hon. Celia Castillo, Member Hon. Dr. Terry McMillan, Member Ronald Solimon, Member Dr. Judy Villanueva, Member

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06 Authorizing a demand and civil action to enforce the Governmental Conduct Act

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ("Commission") met virtually on November 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.;

WHEREAS, the Commission has the authority to investigate violations and bring a civil action to enforce the Governmental Conduct Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 10-16-1 to -18 (1967, as amended through 2023);

WHEREAS, the Commission has reason to believe that Glenda Greene, the Mayor of the City of Lordsburg, violated Sections 10-16-3(A) and 10-16-3(C) 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) against Greene, 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 attorney staff are authorized to demand that Greene comply with the Governmental Conduct Act and to voluntarily remedy her violations of the same and 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 court deems just and proper.
- 2. The Commission's staff are further authorized to "seek[] civil injunctive or other appropriate orders" under Section 10-16-14(E) and Section 10-16-18(B) by making a referral to the Sixth Judicial District Attorney's Office to initiate removal proceedings against Greene, including the presentation of sworn evidence to the Sixth Judicial District Attorney or the Attorney General's Office under NMSA 1978, Section 10-4-18 (1909), NMSA 1978, Section 8-5-3 (1933), and any other applicable law, and to offer to assist in removal proceedings based upon conduct that violates the Governmental Conduct Act. The Commission's staff are further authorized to make a referral to the "governing body" of the City of Lordsburg under NMSA 1978, Section 3-10-7 (1953), for removal for "malfeasance in office" and to offer to assist in removal proceedings based upon conduct that violates the Governmental Conduct Act.
- 3. If Commission staff file a lawsuit against Greene, 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.
- 4. The Executive Director is authorized to enter an agreement to settle or dismiss claims brought against Greene or any other person, upon having conferred with the Chair or his designee.

Adopted by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission this 3rd day of November 2023.

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