

## NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09 Authorizing a demand and civil action to enforce the Lobbyist Regulation Act.

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ("Commission") met virtually on June 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.;

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

WHEREAS, the Commission has reason to believe that a group going by the name "New Mexico Safety Over Profit" ("NMSOP") violated NMSA 1978, Section 2-11-6(I) of the Lobbyist Regulation Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 2-11-1 to -10 (1977, as amended through 2023).

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has sought the approval of the Commission to initiate a civil action under NMSA 1978, Section 2-11-6(I) of the Lobbyist Regulation Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 2-11-1 to -10 to remedy violations the Lobbyist Regulation Act, and any other laws within the Commission's jurisdiction, and has explained the proposed civil action and remedies to be sought; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Commission, the Honorable William F. Lang, recused from this matter and appointed Commissioner Jeffrey L. Baker as Chair Pro-Tem;

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

- 1. The Commission's staff are authorized to demand that NMSOP comply with the Lobbyist Regulation 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 Lobbyist Regulation 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 Pro-Tem as necessary between Commission meetings.
- 3. The Executive Director is authorized to enter an agreement to settle or dismiss claims brought against NMSOP upon having conferred with the Chair Pro-Tem or his designee.

Adopted by the New Mexico State Ethics Commission this 6th day of June 2025.

Jeffrey L. Baker

New Mexico State Ethics Commission

Chair Pro-Tem