

Summary of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Meeting Held on August 4, 2022

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The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE) took the following action at its monthly public meeting held on August 4, 2022.

The COE recognized Carol E.A. DeGraffenreidt for her service as a COE commissioner.

The commission approved one advisory opinion. The full opinion is available at <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/opinions.htm>. Below is a summary of the opinion.

RQO 22-011: A county employee asked if the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (Code) prohibits employees from soliciting or accepting sponsorship donations for Palm Beach County Day events.

The COE opined as follows: The Code's gift prohibitions pertaining to vendors, lobbyists, or principals or employers of lobbyists does not apply when solicitations are made and donations are accepted on behalf of the county for use solely by the county for a public purpose. A violation will not occur as long as (1) county administration or the board of county commissioners declares the events have a public purpose; (2) the donations are accepted on behalf of the county and used solely for a public purpose; and (3) there is no quid pro quo or other special consideration given to donors in exchange for a donation.

A detailed explanation of all agenda items is available at <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/meetings.htm>.

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