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Summary of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Meeting Held on February 5, 2026

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics took the following action at its monthly public meeting held on February 5, 2026.

The COE approved two advisory opinions. The full opinions will be available on the COE's website within seven days at: <https://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/coepub/>.

C25-011: After considering the COE advocate's recommendation that probable cause did not exist, the Commission accepted the recommendation and dismissed the complaint.

RQO 26-004: An employee of Palm Beach County (County) who works for a County Commissioner asked if the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (Code) would prohibit her from volunteering with a political campaign when the candidate is running for an office with the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

The COE opined as follows: The Code does not prohibit a County employee's participation in a political campaign as long as County resources are not used and her official County title is not used in connection with the campaign, including on campaign materials or when speaking or acting in support of the campaign.

RQO 26-005: An elected official for a municipality asked if a conflict would arise under the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (Code) if she participated and voted on three proposed zoning ordinances, considering she is associated with several businesses registered with the State of Florida?

The COE opined as follows: The Code does not prohibit her vote or participation in discussions on the zoning ordinances because neither her nor her associated business entities would receive a special financial benefit as a result of the participation or vote.

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