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Summary of Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Meeting Held on August 7, 2025

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE) took the following action at its monthly public meeting held on August 7, 2025.

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

RQO 25-007: An official asked if the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (Code) would preclude his participation in discussions or vote on whether to grant variance and waiver relief related to a matter coming before the City Commission when the project's property owner is a customer or client of an outside business belonging to the official's sibling.

The COE opined as follows: Based on the facts presented, there does not seem to be any direct nexus between a vote on the project and any potential economic gain or loss to a prohibited entity. Therefore, considering the facts as provided, the Code does not prohibit the official from voting on or participating in discussions involving the project as long as the participation does not result in a special financial benefit to any of the prohibited persons or entities listed in Section 2-443(a) of the Code.

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

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