

STATE OF TENNESSEE



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The Tennessee Ethics Commission ("Commission") met on Wednesday April 15, 2026, for its regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Nashville Room of the Tennessee Tower.

Executive Director William Young called the meeting to order. Ethics Operation Officer Morgan Tygret called the roll. Member Martin McCain was absent. Member Lynn Richardson appeared electronically.

Member Richardson moved to allow items to be taken out of order, Member Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of February 3, 2026 minutes

Member Branstetter moved to approve the minutes. Member Gilbert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Sworn Complaints

Case No. C2026-01- Chancellor Richard T. Perkins by Richard Hall

Executive Director Young acknowledged he knew individuals related to complaint, but that it did not influence his decisions or recommendations. Member Branstetter recused himself from consideration of this matter.

Member Gilbert moved to dismiss this matter, seconded by Member Thompson. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. C2026- 02- Joshua Anderson by Nathan Mullins

Member Branstetter recused himself from consideration of this matter. Member Richardson moved to set a show cause hearing of this matter, seconded by Member Thompson. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. C2026- 03- Teresa West, Don Baird, Doug Collins, Christopher Capps by Jennifer Marie Seay

Member Richardson moved to dismiss this matter, seconded by Member Branstetter. The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. C2026- 04- Richard Tucker by Kevin Hendricks

Member Richardson moved to dismiss this matter, seconded by Member Gilbert. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Reconsiderations

Case No. 2024-187- Foreman, Aubrey

Member Richardson moved to deny the motion for reconsideration and increase the civil penalty to \$5,000, seconded by Member Gilbert. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. 2025-767- Roe, Bill, Case No. 2025-142- Anderson-King, Angela, Case No. 2025-570- Terrell, Rachel, Case No. 2025-762- Woodson, Joe, Case No. 2025-040- Roach, James, Case No. 2025-704 Hartwell, Erinn, Case No. 2025-757- Tennessee Wildlife Officers Association, Case No. 2025-698- Frazier, Charles A., Case No. 2025-699- George, Jane, Case No. 2025-702- Grant, Jacob, Case No. 2025-707- Housely, Matthew

Member Branstetter moved to consolidate the above cases, seconded by Member Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously. Member Branstetter moved to reconsider the above cases, seconded by Member Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously. Member Branstetter moved to waive the civil penalty in the above cases, seconded by Member Gilbert. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Informal civil penalty assessment proceedings – Local Officials – statement of interests

Case No. 2025-731- James, Jeff, Case No. 2025-730- Kinder, Clyde, Case No. 2025-732- Tomlinson, Mark

Member Gilbert moved to consolidate the above cases and waive civil penalties in the above cases, seconded by Member Branstetter. The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. 2025-728- Baltimore, James, Case No. 2025-729- Rogers, Chris, Case No. 2025-733- Swearngen-Washington, Jana, Case No. 2025-734- Swearngen, Jamita, Case No. 2025-738- Salmon, Betty

Member Richardson moved to consolidate the above cases and assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Member Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Informal civil penalty assessment proceedings – Local Candidates – stateemnts of interest

Case No. 2025-706- Honeycutt, Nathan, Case No. 2025-709- Johnson, Stan

Member Branstetter moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously

Case No. 2025-689- Brown, Sam

Member White moved to dismiss this matter, seconded by Member Branstetter. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Informal civil penalty assesment proceedings - Employer of Lobbyist

Case No. 2025-759- JCBG – corrected lobbying expenditure report

Member Branstetter moved to assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$750, seconded by Member Richardson. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-018- American Bail Coalition 2025 Year End Lobbying Expenditure Report

Member Richardson moved to assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$750, seconded by Member Branstetter. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-022- Carrier Corporation, Case. No. 2026-023- Catalyst Strategic Government Affairs, Case. No. 2026-024- Centerstone Military Services, Case. No. 2026-025- CooperSurgical, Case. No. 2026-027- E3 Costruction Services LLC, Case. No. 2026-028- Elite Lobbyist, Case. No. 2026-029- Ellucian, Case. No. 2026-030- eMed, LLC, Case. No. 2026-031- Fifty Bar, Case. No. 2026-033- Instructure, Inc., Case. No. 2026-037- Memphis Zoological Society, Case. No. 2026-038- Nashville Technology Council, Case. No. 2026-042- SomeraRoad, Case. No. 2026-044- The Club at Kings Chapel, LLC, Case. No. 2026-045- The Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity, Case. No. 2026-048- TN Paddlesports Association, Case. No. 2026-049- TN RETIRED TEACHERS ASSN., Case. No. 2026-050- Trajector Medical, Case. No. 2026-051- USCC Services, LLC, Case. No. 2026-052- Western Union

Member Richardson moved to assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$750, seconded by Member Branstetter. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-036- Life Science Tennessee,

Member Branstetter moved to waive civil penalties in this matter, seconded by Member Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-039- NextEra Energy Resources, LLC

Wendell Moore appeared on behalf of respondent.

Member Gilbert moved to waive civil penalties in this matter, seconded by Member Branstetter. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-040- Nurse Family Partnership

Robert Gowan appeared on behalf of respondent.

Member Branstetter moved to waive civil penalties in this matter, seconded by Member Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-026- Critical Response Group, Case. No. 2026-019- Argentum, Case. No. 2026-020- Blakeford Senior Life, Case. No. 2026-047- TN Afterschool Network/United Ways of TN, Case. No. 2026-021- BlueServ, Case. No. 2026-035- JOHN C DAVENPORT, Case. No. 2026-034- IOTA Community Schools, Case. No. 2026-043- Tennessee Healthy Alternatives Association, Case. No. 2026-046- Thompson Engineering, Case. No. 2026-032- Her Song, a ministry of the Tim Tebow Foundation

Member Branstetter moved to waive civil penalties in this matter, seconded by Member Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-016- TAADAS, Case. No. 2026-007- Nurse Family Partnership, Case. No. 2026-008- Possip, Inc., Case. Nos. 2026-009 2026-015 RSM US LLP (different lobbyists) Failure to timely pay registration fee

Member Branstetter moved to consolidate these matters and waive civil penalties, seconded by Member Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-006- Crossroads Treatment Centers, Case. No. 2026-002- The Weston A. Price Foundation (WAPF)

Member Branstetter moved to waive civil penalties in this matter, seconded by Member Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-004- IOTA Community Schools

Member Thompson moved to waive civil penalties in this matter, seconded by Member Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-001- Eric A. Gang & Associates, P.A., Case. No. 2026-003- National Psoriasis Foundation, Case. No. 2026-005- Homebuilders Association of Greater Chattanooga

Member Branstetter moved to assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$750, seconded by Member Thompson. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Case. No. 2026-041- Raptor Technologies

Catherine Faulk appeared on behalf of the respondent. Member Branstetter moved to waive civil penalties in this matter, seconded by Member Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Informal civil penalty assesment proceedings – Lobbyists

Case No. 2026-017- Denny, Jerry

Member Branstetter moved to waive civil penalties in this matter, seconded by Member Richardson. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Rescind

Case Nos. 2025-106 – 2026-108 - NRHC

Member Branstetter moved to consolidate and reconsider the above matters, and rescind the civil penalties assessed, seconded by Member Thompson. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CLE Update

10. Pending Legislation and Rule Review Update

Assistant Director Frizell updated the Commission members on pending legislative matters.

11. Set Meeting Dates for rest of 2026

The Ethics Commission will meet on August 24, 2026.