



Publication of Information in the Public Interest

Public Reprimand Related to Complaint 26-07

Ethic Rule 6.9 Confidentiality of Complaint or Investigation.

“Unless the Commission determines that a complaint or a formal investigation should be made public, all complaints and formal investigations, including documents and discussions in executive session, shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed[.] ... The Commission may make a complaint or formal investigation and any documents relating thereto public at any time it deems release of that information to be in the public interest.”

At the April 9, 2026 Ethics Commission Meeting, the Commission determined that the following information relative to Complaint 26-07 was necessary for the purpose of public transparency and education:

The Oklahoma Ethics Commission is issuing a public reprimand to State Representative JJ Humphrey, a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, after determining that he violated provisions of Oklahoma Ethics Rule 2 related to campaign finance. The conduct at issue included the posting of a video he recorded on the steps of the State Capitol and later posted on social media. In the social media video, campaign contributions were requested by State Representative Humphrey.

Oklahoma Ethics Rules prohibit the use of public property and areas used for the conduct of official state business for campaign fundraising purposes. These requirements are fundamental to maintaining a clear separation between official government functions and political activity.

The Commission applies these rules consistently to all candidates and officeholders. A public reprimand reflects the seriousness of this violation and the importance of adhering to established standards.

This matter has been addressed in accordance with the Commission’s established processes.

As Oklahoma enters an active election season, the Commission believes it is important to reinforce these standards and provide clarity to candidates and voters alike. Public awareness of these requirements helps ensure that campaign activity is conducted fairly, transparently, and in accordance with the law—particularly as primary elections approach.

The Ethics Commission remains committed to enforcing Oklahoma’s ethics laws while also supporting compliance through education and guidance.