Commission Action: MEC No. 24-0005-I: City of Joplin, Nick Edwards, City Manager

Date: 05/13/2024

The Missouri Ethics Commission received a complaint against the City of Joplin, Nick Edwards, City Manager on February 13, 2024. Missouri statutes required that an investigation be completed within 90 days of receipt and presented to the Commission for a determination of whether there are reasonable grounds of a violation or whether it should be dismissed. Section 105.957, RSMo.

Missouri statute, Section 105.955.6, RSMo requires at least four commission members are necessary for a quorum, and at least four affirmative votes shall be required for any action or recommendation of the Commission. Commissioners whose terms expired on March 15, 2024, cannot serve on unexpired terms. Because the Commission does not currently have a quorum of four Commissioners to consider the complaint, the Commission could not take into consideration an investigation report.

Because there were not four Commissioners able to consider the investigation within the statutory timeframe, the Commission could take no action on this complaint.

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