

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Complaint No. 21-18

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ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO STAY

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IN THE MATTER OF: TINA PETERS

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On August 27, 2021, Anne Landman (“Complainant”) filed a complaint against Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Tina Peters (“Respondent”) with the Independent Ethics Commission (“Commission”). At its November 16, 2021, meeting, the IEC voted to find the complaint non-frivolous pursuant to § 5(3)(b) of Article XXIX of the Colorado Constitution and IEC Rule 7.G.

Respondent filed a Motion to Stay based on concurrent criminal proceedings. Following consideration of Respondent’s Motion to Stay at its February 15, 2022 meeting, the Commission granted the Motion pending a possible criminal indictment. The Commission ordered Respondent to file a regular status updates.

On March 22, 2022, Respondent filed a status report and attached the indictment returned by a grand jury in Mesa County District Court on March 8, 2022. Respondent requested a continuation of the stay. According to the indictment, the grand jury indicted Respondent on eleven counts, including seven felonies. Respondent’s arraignment took place on June 14, 2022.

The stay in this case is CONTINUED pursuant to the criteria outlined in *People v. Shifrin*, 342 P.3d 506, 513 (Colo. App. 2014) and IEC Rule 7.H.3. The case will remain stayed until there is a disposition in the district court. Respondent is instructed to update the Commission once a trial is scheduled, if a plea agreement is entered, if charges are dismissed, or if the criminal case is otherwise resolved.

SO ORDERED,

**THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION**

Selina Baschiera, *Chair*

Cole Wist, *Vice-Chair*

Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa, *Commissioner*, not participating

Annie Kao, *Commissioner*

Sarah Mercer, *Commissioner*

DATED: June 16, 2022