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PRESS RELEASE

The State Ethics Commission announces the public hearing in the case of Brett Kokinadis v. Karen Bedonie, May 13th 2024

Albuquerque, NM, April 29, 2024 – Today, the State Ethics Commission announces the public hearing set to take place on **May 13th at 9:00 AM** in the case of *Brett Kokinadis v. Karen Bedonie*. The hearing will take place at the Rotunda at Science and Technology Park, 801 University Blvd. SE. Parking can be found at 801 Bradbury Dr. SE.

A live stream of the hearing will be available through the Commission's website:

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On September 22, 2023, the Commission's general counsel determined in a set of written findings that a complaint filed by Brett Kokinadis against former gubernatorial candidate Karen Bedonie for violations of the Campaign Reporting Act were supported by probable cause. Following that finding of probable cause, the case was assigned to the Honorable Alan C Torgerson (Ret.) and a public hearing was scheduled. The hearing officer will determine whether a preponderance of the evidence establishes violations of the Campaign Reporting Act.

To read the complaint, the general counsel's findings, and other filings related to this case, please visit the following link: <u>State Ethics Commission: Case</u> Management & Filing System (nm.gov)

About the State Ethics Commission

The State Ethics Commission is an independent, constitutional state agency with the authority to enforce civil violations of New Mexico's governmental ethics and disclosure statutes, including the Campaign Reporting Act. The Commission is comprised of three Democratic Commissioners, three Republican Commissioners, and one independent Commissioner who is registered as "decline to state."

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