

#### **VII.D. Appointment of Member to the Commission on Ethics (NRS 281A.200)**

**NRS 281A.200 Creation; appointment, terms and qualifications of members; prohibited activities by members; vacancies.**

1. The Commission on Ethics, consisting of eight members, is hereby created.
2. The Legislative Commission shall appoint to the Commission four residents of the State, at least two of whom must be former public officers or employees, and at least one of whom must be an attorney licensed to practice law in this State.
3. The Governor shall appoint to the Commission four residents of the State, at least two of whom must be former public officers or employees, and at least one of whom must be an attorney licensed to practice law in this State.
4. Not more than four members of the Commission may be members of the same political party. Not more than four members of the Commission may be residents of the same county.
5. None of the members of the Commission may, while the member is serving on the Commission:
  - (a) Hold another public office;
  - (b) Be actively involved in the work of any political party or political campaign;or
  - (c) Communicate directly with a State Legislator or a member of a local legislative body on behalf of someone other than himself or herself or the Commission, for compensation, to influence:
    - (1) The State Legislator with regard to introducing or voting upon any matter or taking other legislative action; or
    - (2) The member of the local legislative body with regard to introducing or voting upon any ordinance or resolution, taking other legislative action or voting upon:
      - (I) The appropriation of public money;
      - (II) The issuance of a license or permit; or
      - (III) Any proposed subdivision of land or special exception or variance from zoning regulations.
6. After the initial terms, the terms of the members are 4 years. Any vacancy in the membership must be filled by the appropriate appointing authority for the unexpired term. Each member may serve no more than two consecutive full terms.  
(Added to NRS by [1985, 2121](#); A [1991, 1594](#); [1999, 2731](#); [2009, 1048](#); [2013, 3766](#))—  
(Substituted in revision for NRS 281.455)

At its February 27, 2018, meeting, the Legislative Commission appointed former Assemblywoman Marilyn Dondero-Loop to fill a vacancy on the Commission on Ethics. Prior to taking her position on the Commission on Ethics, Ms. Dondero-Loop announced her candidacy for the Nevada Senate. Following the February 27, 2018, Legislative Commission meeting, the Commission on Ethics also notified the legislative Counsel Bureau that former Assemblyman Lynn Stewart had resigned his position on the Commission. As a result there are now two vacancies on the Commission on Ethics.

The current appointees from the Legislative Commission are:

- 1) Barbara Gruenewald – Washoe County, Democrat, Attorney
- 2) Amanda Yen – Clark County, Republican, Attorney

**Based on the current makeup of the Governor's appointees to the Commission, the Legislative Commission must appoint 2 members who meets the qualifications below:**

- The appointees must both be former public officers or former public employees
- One of the appointees, but not both, may be a registered Republican, but both of the appointees may be registered Democrats or be registered with any other political party
- The appointees are not required to be attorneys, but either or both appointees may be attorneys
- The appointees may be residents of any county in the State
- The appointees must meet the requirements in subsection 5 above.