IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

NEVADA POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, a Nevada domestic nonprofit corporation,

Appellant,

vs.

NICOLE J. CANNIZZARO, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State Senate and Clark County District Attorney; JASON FRIERSON, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State Assembly and Clark County Public Defender: HEIDI SEEVERS GANSERT, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State Senate and University of Nevada, Reno; GLEN LEAVITT, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State Assembly and Regional Transportation Commission; BRITTNEY MILLER, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State Assembly and Clark County School District; DINA NEAL, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State Senate and Nevada State College; JAMES OHRENSCHALL, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State Senate and Clark County Public Defender; MELANIE SCHEIBLE, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State

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Case No. 82341

Appeal from Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada Case No. A-20-817757-C

RESPONDENT HEIDI SEEVERS GANSERT'S MOTION TO DISMISS Senate and Clark County District Attorney; JILL TOLLES, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State Assembly and University of Nevada, Reno; SELENA TORRES, an individual engaging in dual employment with the Nevada State Assembly and Clark County School District; and THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,

Respondents.

RESPONDENT HEIDI SEEVERS GANSERT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Respondent Heidi Seevers Gansert, by and through her counsel, Berna Rhodes-Ford, General Counsel for Nevada State College, and Gary A. Cardinal, Assistant General Counsel for the University of Nevada, Reno, hereby moves for dismissal of this Appeal as to Respondent Gansert only on the basis that she is no longer engaged in dual employment, which was the reason Appellant Nevada Policy Research Institute brought suit against her initially.

While Respondent Gansert continues to serve as a duly elected State Senator, she is no longer employed as the Executive Director, External Relations for the University of Nevada, Reno, having resigned effective January 8, 2021, with no intention to return to that position. See ¶ 2, Declaration of Heidi Seevers Gansert, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference. Moreover, Respondent Gansert is not currently employed in any other executive branch position with any State agency. *Id. at* ¶ 3. Accordingly, Respondent

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Gansert should no longer be a party to this litigation and requests that this matter be dismissed as against her.

Respectfully submitted, this 9th day of February, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRAP 25(d) I hereby certify that I am an employee of the University of Nevada, Reno, an institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education, and that on the 9th day of February, 2021, I electronically filed the preceding document with the Clerk of the Court by using the Court's electronic filing system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

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DECLARATION OF HEIDI SEEVERS GANSERT

I, HEIDI SEEVERS GANSERT, make this Declaration pursuant to NRS 53.045 and state that the assertions of this Declaration are true, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to such matters, I believe them to be true. I am personally familiar with the facts set forth in this Declaration and am competent to testify to such matters if called upon to do so.

1. I was previously employed as the Executive Director, External Relations for the University of Nevada, Reno.

2. I resigned my position with the University, effective January 8, 2021 and do not intend to return to that position.

3. I am not currently employed in any other executive branch position with any State agency.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this $\underline{\mathscr{B}}$ day of February, 2021.

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