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FOURTH QUARTER 2025 REPORT

October 2025 – December 2025

The Office of Congressional Conduct (“OCC”), formerly known as the Office of Congressional Ethics, is an independent, non-partisan entity charged with reviewing allegations of misconduct involving Members, officers and staff of the United States House of Representatives and, when appropriate, referring matters to the House Committee on Ethics. Additional information about the OCC is available on our website: <http://conduct.house.gov>.

The following is a report of the OCC’s work in the fourth quarter of 2025 for the 119th Congress.

Key Takeaways

- In the fourth quarter, the Board of the Office of Congressional Conduct (hereafter “the OCC Board”) voted to refer one matter to the House Committee on Ethics (hereafter “the Committee”) for further review, and two matters for dismissal.
- On November 19, 2025, the Committee requested that the OCC Board cease and refer a matter pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(r), and Committee Rule 17 A(k)(1). On December 16, 2025, pursuant to OCC Rule 12 of the OCC Rules for the Conduct of Investigation, the Board voted to grant the request and to make monthly inquiries regarding the status of the Committee’s investigation. The OCC will continue to monitor developments in this case and provide updates in future quarterly reports.
- On November 21, 2025, the Committee announced it was extending its review of the OCC referrals concerning Representative Mike Collins and Mr. Brandon Phillips. Pursuant to Committee Rule 17A, on January 5, 2026, the Committee publicly released both OCC referrals.
- The OCC received and reviewed approximately 3,461 citizen communications containing allegations of misconduct or requests for information about the OCC and its procedures.

Scheduled Releases

This quarter, the OCC transmitted one referral to the Committee on Ethics for further review and two referrals for dismissal. The Committee on Ethics will make these referrals public in accordance with the time frame specified in Rule 17A of the House Committee on Ethics Rules. This includes the release of a 45-day statement acknowledging receipt of an OCC investigation, expected on Friday, January 16, 2026.

Rule 12 Requests (Cease and Refer)

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Board Actions

The following is a statistical summary of the Board's actions in the 119th Congress, including the fourth quarter of 2025 (highlighted in blue).

Date	Reviews				Transmittals		
	Commence Preliminary Review	Termination	Phase II Review	Phase II Review Extension	Further Review	Dismissal	Unresolved
<i>January</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>February</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>March</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>April</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>May 21</i>	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>June 17</i>	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
<i>July 22</i>	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
<i>August 27</i>	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
<i>September 24</i>	0	1	0	2	2	1	0
<i>October 22</i>	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>November 21</i>	0	0	2	0	1	2	0
<i>December 16</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total for Fourth Quarter	2	0	2	1	1	2	1 ¹
Total from Previous Quarters	11	5	6	5	2	1	0
119th Congress	13	5	8	6	3	3	0

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Staffing Update

No staff updates during this quarter.

Citizen Communications

Any member of the public may bring a matter of suspected misconduct involving a Member, officer or staff of the House to the attention of the OCC. The OCC received approximately 3,461 communications from private citizens during the fourth quarter of 2025. These communications include requests for information about the OCC and its procedures, and submissions of information regarding allegations of misconduct.