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SECOND QUARTER 2026 REPORT

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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 second quarter of 2026 for the 119th Congress.

Key Takeaways

- In the second quarter of 2026, the OCC Board voted to refer three matters to the House Committee on Ethics, one with a recommendation for further review and two with recommendations for dismissal.
- The House Committee on Ethics issued a status update on May 11, 2026, announcing that the Investigative Subcommittee continues to review allegations relating to Representative Cory Mills, including those referred by the OCC.
- This quarter, the OCC hired a new Law Clerk.
- The OCC processed approximately 4,319 citizen communications regarding misconduct allegations or procedural inquiries.

Scheduled Releases

This quarter, the OCC transmitted one referral to the Committee on Ethics for further review and two referrals for dismissal. By July 25, 2026, the Committee on Ethics will either release the OCC referral for further review or make a public announcement that: (1) the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee are taking an additional 45 days to consider the matter or (2) the Committee has voted to establish an investigative subcommittee. 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.

Rule 12 Requests (Cease and Refer)

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 17A(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.

On May 11, 2026, the Committee issued a status update acknowledging the continued work of the Committee's investigation.

Pursuant to its rules, the OCC Board will continue to monitor this investigation.

Board Actions

The following is a statistical summary of the Board's actions in the 119th Congress, including the second quarter of 2026 (highlighted in blue).

Date	Reviews				Transmittals		
	Commence Preliminary Review	Termination	Phase II Review	Phase II Review Extension	Further Review	Dismissal	Unresolved
<i>January 28</i>	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
<i>February 25</i>	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
<i>March 25</i>	0	0	2 ¹	2	0	0	0
<i>April 22</i>	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
<i>May 27</i>	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
<i>June 24</i>	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total for Second Quarter	2	1	1	2	1	2	0
Total from 2026	7	2	5	4	2	2	0
Total from 2025	13	5	8	6	3	3	1 ²
119th Congress	20	7	13	10	5	5	1

¹ On April 14, 2026, the subject of one of these reviews resigned. Accordingly, the OCC no longer has jurisdiction over that subject.

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Staffing Update

During the second quarter of 2025, the OCC hired Gaby Lewis as a law clerk. Ms. Lewis is a law student at the University of Michigan Law School. Prior to joining OCC, Ms. Lewis was a Paralegal Contractor with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts in the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit, working primarily on civil healthcare fraud matters.

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 4,319 communications from private citizens during the second quarter of 2026. These communications included requests for information about the OCC and its procedures and submissions of information regarding allegations of misconduct.