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BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re DAVID LAW,	)	
	)	Complaint No. 23-094
Respondent.	)	
	)	

DETERMINATION OF INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION
AND ORDER TO INVESTIGATE

UPON REVIEW of this complaint, I find as follows:

1. This complaint was filed by Tonya Schumacher of Okeechobee, Florida.

2. The Respondent, David Law, allegedly serves as the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District Board.

3. The complaint alleges that, during a Board meeting on December 1, 2022, the Respondent made a motion and then voted for his son to be hired as a temporary, part-time District employee. The complaint claims the motion passed unanimously. This indicates possible violations of Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution,[1] and Sections 112.313(6), 112.3135, and 112.3143(3), Florida Statutes, by the Respondent.

4. The complaint also alleges that, ninety days later, the Respondent instructed the Complainant, a District employee, to "make" his son a full-time District employee, resulting in a promotion and a raise for his son. The complaint alleges the Respondent did not follow proper procedure regarding promotions, as the matter should have been discussed with other Board

[1] Article II, Section 8(g)(2) was redesignated as Article II, Section 8(h)(2) on December 31, 2022.

members during a Board meeting. This indicates possible violations of Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, and Sections 112.313(6) and 112.3135, Florida Statutes, by the Respondent.

5. The complaint further alleges that the Respondent, upon learning that the Complainant planned to report the claims discussed above in paragraphs 3 and 4, retaliated against her by "making [her] work environment hostile and trying to do things to force [her] to quit." This indicates possible violations of Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, and Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by the Respondent.

WHEREFORE, staff of the Commission on Ethics shall conduct a preliminary investigation of this complaint for a probable cause determination of whether the Respondent has violated Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, and Sections 112.313(6), 112.3135, and 112.3143(3), Florida Statutes, as set forth in paragraphs 3 through 5, above.

May 3, 2023
Date

Kerrie J. Stillman
Kerrie Stillman
Executive Director

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