

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re CALEB DECIUS,

Appellant.

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Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 20-060

Final Order No. XXX

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on April 25, 2025, on the appeal of Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)) which assesses an automatic fine of \$25 per day on a person who fails to timely file a required CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. The Commission may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown, based on "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file by the designated date. There are no matters in dispute. Appellant did not request a hearing.

Findings of Fact

1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board for the Town of Lake Park, a position requiring the filing of a 2019 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. In 2020, the designated due date for submitting a 2019 CE Form 1 was July 1, 2020, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2020.

2. No later than June 1, 2020, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a 2019 CE Form 1. This letter was sent to Appellant at 425 Evergreen Drive, Lake Park, Florida 33403.

3. No later than August 1, 2020, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a notice of delinquency by certified mail. This notice was sent to Appellant at the 425 Evergreen Drive address.

4. On August 20, 2020, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a postcard intended to remind him of his obligation to file a 2019 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the 425 Evergreen Drive address.

5. On September 9, 2020, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a courtesy notice of fines accruing. This was sent to the 425 Evergreen Drive address.

6. On September 23, 2020, Appellant submitted his 2019 CE Form 1 to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, which was 22 days after the expiration of the grace period.

7. On October 27, 2023, the Commission mailed Appellant a notice of assessment of his automatic fine. The notice was sent by mail to the 425 Evergreen Drive address. It indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine was \$550 (\$25 per day for 22 days late) and provided that the Commission must receive an appeal of the fine by November 27, 2023.

8. On November 8, 2023, the Commission received Appellant's appeal of his automatic fine for Form Year 2020. In part B of his appeal form, Appellant checked "other unusual circumstances" as the general reason for his appeal. In part C of his appeal form, where an appellant is asked to provide detailed explanation of his or her appeal, Appellant wrote that he did not understand the filing requirement. Appellant also noted that he is an independent musical artist with limited time and was battling depression from the loss of his son "amongst the pressures of creating."

### Conclusions of Law

9. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

10. Financial disclosure is required of public officials and employees because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government.

11. Section 112.3145(8)(g)2., Florida Statutes, (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)(2)) states:

Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address.

12. "An elementary and fundamental requirement of due process in any proceeding which is to be accorded finality is notice reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and to afford them an opportunity to present their objections." *Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank*, 339 U.S. 306, 314, 70 S.Ct.652, 94 L.Ed.865 (1950).

13. Here, Appellant did not state that he never received notice of his filing requirement, rather, he stated that he did not understand his filing requirement. Appellant also stated that he is a musical artist and was dealing with the pressures of creating while also battling depression over

the loss of his son. While the Commission is sympathetic to Appellant's struggles, dealing with outside stressors of life is something that all filers have to manage while attending to their duties as public officers, and does not constitute an "unusual circumstance" that would prevent someone from timely filing his or her CE Form 1 for 2019. Thus, considering Appellant's position on appeal, it does not appear that there was an "unusual circumstance" that prevented him from timely filing his 2019 CE Form 1 by September 1, 2020.

#### Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for the failure to file timely have not been demonstrated. We therefore affirm the assessed fine of \$550. The fine shall be paid to the Commission on Ethics, P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, within 30 days of the date this order is rendered, unless other payment arrangements are made by contacting Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Program Administrator, at the address above or by telephone at (850) 488-7864.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on April 25, 2025.

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Date Rendered

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Luis M. Fusté  
*Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics*

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 120.68, AND SECTION 112.3241, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110 FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, AT EITHER 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303 OR P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

32317-5709; AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ATTACHED TO WHICH IS A CONFORMED COPY OF THE ORDER DESIGNATED IN THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

LMF: aln

Caleb Decius  
425 Evergreen Dr  
Lake Park, Florida 33403



**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

325 John Knox Road  
Building E, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
Telephone: (850) 488-7864  
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Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

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**APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2019**

**DIRECTIONS:** The information you provide in this form is critical for processing your appeal in a timely manner.

In Part A, please provide current contact information. If your contact information changes while your appeal is being processed, please notify us.

In Part B, please check any boxes that specify the general reason(s) for your appeal.

In Part C, please explain in detail the reason(s) for your appeal. In addition to your written explanation in Part C, you may attach any documents that support your appeal.

**IMPORTANT:** TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL, THIS FORM OR OTHER WRITTEN APPEAL (AND ANY ATTACHMENTS) MUST BE FILED WITH (RECEIVED BY) THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE WAS MAILED TO YOU.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Mailing Address: Commission on Ethics  
P.O. Drawer 15709  
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Physical Address: Commission on Ethics  
325 John Knox Road  
Building E, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Fax: (850) 488-3077

Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

**PART A: YOUR INFORMATION**

Name: Caleb Decius

Address: 425 Evergreen City: Lake Park State: FL Zip: 33403

Daytime Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 747-836-8100

Email: calebdecius@gmail.com Filer ID# (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Public Employer: Town of Lake Park

Public Position: Planning and Zoning Board Member

**CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE**

## PART B: GENERAL REASON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL

Please choose any/all reasons that apply to your appeal.

I hereby appeal the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine on the following basis:

- a. ☐ **Sickness or injury** (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of illness or injury)
- b. ☐ **Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that you never received certified mail delinquency notice: for example, incorrect address; misdelivered mail; change in employment; extended absence from home, etc.)
- c. ☐ **Claim of timely filing of financial disclosure** (Explain in Part C and provide copy of certified mail receipt and/or copy of completed form which had been previously filed, along with a sworn notarized statement that you filed prior to the deadline)
- d. ☐ **Left public position prior to December 31, 2019** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2019)
- e. ☒ **Other unusual circumstance** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing prior to deadline)
- f. ☐ **Not required to file** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports reason for not required to file)

## PART C: DETAILED EXPLANATION OF YOUR APPEAL

Please provide a detailed explanation of your appeal, including why each option you selected in Part B is applicable to you. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages.

Hello, I was late filing this financial report because I simply didn't understand it's requirements at the time. I was an independent musical artist with limited time and battling depression from the lost of my son amongst the pressures of creating and sometimes I lacked the capacity to handle other important outside bussiness

such as this. I meant no disrespect when it comes to the matters of the state and my position, I was simply going through a rough time trying to keep up with everything.

## OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING

☐ In addition to this written appeal, I specifically request to appear before the Commission in a hearing pursuant to Section 112.3144(8)(f)3 or Section 112.3145(8)(g)3, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee.

## SIGNATURE

I have received and read the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine and its instructions on How to Appeal and I understand my options. I am requesting disposition of this matter as indicated.

November 8, 2023

DATE

*Caleb Decius*

SIGNATURE

Email

FORM 1		STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS		2019
<small>Please print or type your name, mailing address, agency name, and position below:</small>		<small>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:</small> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"> SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS  SEP 23 AM 10:45  PALM COUNTY, FL </div>		
<b>LAST NAME -- FIRST NAME -- MIDDLE NAME:</b> Decius Caleb				
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b> 425 Evergreen Dr				
<b>CITY:</b> Lake Park <b>ZIP:</b> 33403 <b>COUNTY:</b> Palm Beach				
<b>NAME OF AGENCY:</b> Lake Park P&Z Board				
<b>NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT:</b> Board Member				
<b>CHECK ONLY IF</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>CANDIDATE</b> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE</b>				
<b>**** THIS SECTION <u>MUST</u> BE COMPLETED ****</b>				
<b>DISCLOSURE PERIOD:</b> THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.				
<b>MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS:</b> FILERS HAVE THE OPTION OF USING REPORTING THRESHOLDS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE DOLLAR VALUES, WHICH REQUIRES FEWER CALCULATIONS, OR USING COMPARATIVE THRESHOLDS, WHICH ARE USUALLY BASED ON PERCENTAGE VALUES (see Instructions for further details). CHECK THE ONE YOU ARE USING (must check one):				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS</b> OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS</b>				
<b>PART A -- PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME</b> (Major sources of income to the reporting person - See Instructions) <small>(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")</small>				
NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME	SOURCE'S ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY		
Publix Supermarket	Lakeland, FL 33811	Deli Clerk		
<b>PART B -- SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME</b> (Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person - See Instructions) <small>(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")</small>				
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE	
N/a				
N/a				
N/a				
<b>PART C -- REAL PROPERTY</b> (Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See Instructions) <small>(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")</small>				You are not limited to the space on the lines on this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.  <b>FILING INSTRUCTIONS</b> for when and where to file this form are located at the bottom of page 2.  <b>INSTRUCTIONS</b> on who must file this form and how to fill it out begin on page 3.
N/a				
N/a				
N/a				
N/a				



<b>PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> (Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. - See instructions) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")		
TYPE OF INTANGIBLE	BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES	
Stocks	None	
<b>PART E — LIABILITIES</b> (Major debts - See instructions) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")		
NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	
Suntrust Mortgage	Boca Raton, Florida	
<b>PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES</b> (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses - See instructions) (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")		
	BUSINESS ENTITY # 1	BUSINESS ENTITY # 2
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY		
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY	Capitano Holdings and Realty LLC	
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY	501 S. 6th Street, Fernandina	
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY	Manager	
OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS	Yes	
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST	Rental Property	
<b>PART G — TRAINING</b> For elected municipal officers required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.		
IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH G ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>SIGNATURE OF FILER:</b>		
Signature: <u>Edmund Capitano</u>		
Date Signed: <u>9/1/2020</u>		
<b>CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY</b>		
If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:		
I, _____, prepared the CE Form 1 in accordance with Section 112.3145, Florida Statute, and the instructions to this form, upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.		
CPA/Attorney Signature: _____		
Date Signed: _____		
<b>FILING INSTRUCTIONS:</b>		
<p>If you were mailed the form by the Commission on Ethics or a County Supervisor of Elections for your annual disclosure filing, return the form to that location. To determine what category your position falls under, see page 3 of instructions.</p> <p><b>Local officers/employees</b> file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside. (If you do not permanently reside in Florida, file with the Supervisor of the county where your agency has its headquarters.) Form 1 filers who file with the Supervisor of Elections may file by mail or email. Contact your Supervisor of Elections for the mailing address or email address to use. <u>Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics; it will be returned.</u></p> <p><b>State officers or specified state employees</b> who file with the Commission on Ethics may file by mail or email. To file by mail, send the completed form to P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. To file with the Commission by email, scan your completed form and any attachments as a pdf (do not use any other format), send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us and retain a copy for your records. <u>Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one filing method.</u> Form 1s will not be accepted via email.</p> <p><b>Candidates</b> file this form together with their filing papers.</p> <p><b>MULTIPLE FILING UNNECESSARY:</b> A candidate who files a Form 1 with a qualifying officer is not required to file with the Commission or Supervisor of Elections.</p> <p><b>WHEN TO FILE:</b> Initially, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file <u>within 30 days</u> of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.</p> <p><b>Candidates</b> must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.</p> <p><b>Thereafter</b>, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.</p> <p><b>Finally</b>, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does <u>not</u> relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2019.</p>		

**BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re     **Caleb Decius  
Board Member  
Planning & Zoning Board  
Lake Park**

**PID#: 280604**

**NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE**

The Commission on Ethics hereby gives notice of an assessment of a fine against you pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2019 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2019 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2020. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2020. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2019 CE Form 1 was filed September 23, 2020 with the Supervisor of Elections for Palm Beach County, you are fined the amount of \$550.00 (\$25.00 per day for 22 day(s) late). This fine must be paid to the Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date of this notice unless you appeal the fine to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to consider the appeal and waive the fine in whole or in part if your failure to file on time was due to "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file.

**HOW TO APPEAL**

1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
3. **FORMAT:** Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to Florida Commission on Ethics, P. O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, or delivered to Florida Commission on Ethics, 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. The appeal may take the form of a letter or you may use the appeal form included in this mailing. The appeal form also is available at the Commission's website: [www.ethics.state.fl.us](http://www.ethics.state.fl.us). Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be received by the Commission on Ethics on or before **November 27, 2023**. **NOTE:** Failure to timely file an appeal will constitute a waiver of your right to appeal and will result in the entry of a default order against you.
5. **UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** An appeal must demonstrate that you submitted your CE Form 1 after the extended due date because of "unusual circumstances." "Unusual circumstances" is defined in Commission Rule 34-8.215(4), Florida Administrative Code, as "uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements." Therefore, circumstances that allowed for time to take steps necessary to file on time do not constitute "unusual circumstances" that will allow the Commission to waive the fine. You have the burden to establish "unusual circumstances." Your appeal must specifically state the circumstances that led to your not filing by September 1, 2020, and must include any documentation or evidence supporting your appeal, such as:
  - a. **SICKNESS/INJURY:** a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;
  - b. **LACK OF NOTICE (WRONG ADDRESS):** documentation that you did not reside at the address to which notice was sent;
  - c. **LACK OF NOTICE (ABSENCE FROM HOME):** documentation establishing the period of time of your absence covering the notification period;
  - d. **CLAIM OF TIMELY FILING OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:** (1) an affidavit from you attesting under oath or affirmation that you filed your financial disclosure and your recollection of when

and how you filed and (2) a copy of a certified mail receipt and/or a copy of the completed form which was filed. If you have witnesses to your filing, we also will need an affidavit from each witness. **NOTE:** A claim of having filed the CE Form 1F for the current year does not satisfy the CE Form 1 filing requirement or excuse a late filing;

- e. **LEFT PUBLIC POSITION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2019; or
  - f. **UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL:** if delinquency notice was addressed correctly but not received, you must explain why.
6. **YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING:** You have the right to have your appeal heard by the Commission and to appear before the Commission at the hearing, but, to exercise this right, you must specifically request a hearing in your appeal. If you do not request a hearing, you will waive your right to a hearing, the Commission will determine the outcome of your appeal based upon the written record (including the documentation you provide and any documentation in your case file), and you will receive no further notice until after the Commission decides your appeal.

#### **FAILURE TO PAY FINE OR FILE APPEAL WITHIN 30 DAYS**

If you do not timely file an appeal or pay the assessed fine within 30 days of this Notice, a default order will be entered against you and the Commission will take the steps provided by law to collect the fine, including:

- Referral to the CFO of the Department of Financial Services, if you are a salaried state officer or employee, for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied; or
- Referral to your agency's governing body for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied;
- Referral to a collection agency, which can seek garnishment of your wages; and/or
- An additional civil penalty, not limited by this automatic fine, may be imposed if your disclosure statement is filed more than 60 days late and a complaint is filed against you pursuant to Section 112.324, Florida Statutes.

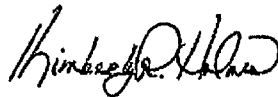
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

**Caleb Decius  
425 Evergreen Dr  
Lake Park, FL 33403 -3303**

by Certified Mail on this Friday, October 27, 2023.



**KIMBERLY R. HOLMES**  
Program Administrator

Florida Commission on Ethics  
P. O. Drawer 15709  
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

-or-

Florida Commission on Ethics  
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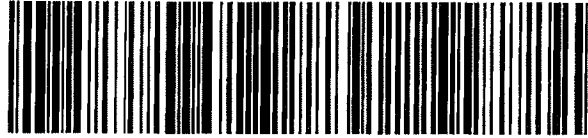
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
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425 EVERGREEN DR  
LAKE PARK, FL 33403-3303

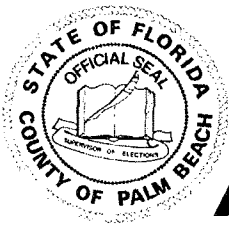
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Wendy Sartory Link

Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

**Florida Commission on Ethics  
Financial Disclosure Notification System  
Delinquency Certification (2020)**

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COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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I Wendy Link, the Supervisor of Elections of Palm Beach County, hereby certify that each person whose ID number, name, agency, and position appears above or on the attached list:

(1) was sent a notice of the July 1, 2020 financial disclosure deadline and a blank Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, not later than June 1, 2020;

(2) was determined to be delinquent in filing a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, by July 1, 2020;

(3) was sent a delinquency notice by certified mail not later than July 31, 2020 advising him or her of the grace period in effect until September 1, 2020; and of the penalties that could be imposed as provided in Section 112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes; and

(4) did not file a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, until the date shown or, had not filed a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests by October 31, 2020; and further

(5) that the date of filing shown is based upon the earliest of the following:

- (a) when the Form 1 was actually received by my office;
- (b) when the Form 1 was postmarked;
- (c) when the certificate of mailing (if any) was dated; or
- (d) when the receipt (if any) from an established courier company was dated.

Signed Wendy Sartory Link  
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



## Financial Disclosure Management System

### THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

#### Filer - Fines and Appeals - PID 280604 - Caleb Decius

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##### Status

Filing: INACTIVE

Fine: No Fine

##### Flags

Public Address

Filing Extensions

Indefinite: None

Temporary:

None

Eligible for Fines

The filer has fines for: [2021 \(Appeal\)](#), [2020 \(Appeal\)](#), [view all](#)

##### 2020 Fines and Appeals

##### Form Year 2019 Filed Forms

Received Date	Form Type	Form Signed	Filed by Email	Filing Location	Updated	Comments
09/23/20	Form 1	Yes	Yes	SOE	STACIF on 09/23/2020	Received by COE on behalf of Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections

##### 2020 Fine Information

[Update Fine Information](#)

[Assign Agency Contact](#)

Fine Balance	Fine Status	Fine Date	Original Assessment	Fine Amount	Last Payment Date	Payment Plan Start Date	Payment Plan Amount
\$550.00	Appeal	10/10/2023	\$550.00	\$550.00			

Fine Address 425 Evergreen Dr Lake Park FL 33403-3303

Org/Suborg Lake Park-Planning & Zoning Board

##### 2020 Fine Payment History

Date Posted	Description	Amount	Method	Payment ID	Comments
10/10/2023	Fine Levied	+ \$550.00			Fined \$550.00

Current Balance: \$550.00

##### 2020 Fine Year Event

##### Chronology

[Invalidate Transaction](#)

Date	Type	Description	Reference
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**Jump To A Filer**

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First Name:

Last Name:



08/20/2020 Postcard Sent

Courtesy Postcard Reminder Print Queue:

8/20/2020

Printing Confirmed:

8/20/2020

**Letter Sent To:**

Caleb Decius

425 Evergreen Dr

Lake Park, FL 33403 -3303



09/9/2020 Letter Sent

Courtesy Notice of Fines

Print Queue:

Accruing

9/9/2020

Printing Confirmed:

9/9/2020

**Letter Sent To:**

Caleb Decius

425 Evergreen Dr

Lake Park, FL 33403 -3303



09/23/2020 Form Received Form 1 Received, Signed

Form 1 Received by  
Received by COE on  
behalf of Palm  
Beach Supervisor of  
Elections SOE**Form Received By: Staci Swain****Filing Location: Palm Beach County SOE****Record Created By: Staci Swain on 09/23/2020**

09/23/2020 Filer

Spoke to filer who said he

Staci Swain

Communication: needed to find out what

Phone

Form was delinquent. He  
said he was never informed  
that he needed to file.  
Explained the appeal  
process, will follow with  
email.

09/23/2020 Filer

From: France, Staci Sent:

Staci Swain

Communication: Wednesday, September 23,  
2020 12:20 PM To:

Email

'calebdecus@gmail.com'

Subject: Form 1 2019

Importance: High Mr.

Decius, The Form required  
is attached- please fill out

and return as soon as possible. I will follow up with the appeal Form once Form is received. Thank you. Sincerely, Staci A. France

09/23/2020 Filer Filer called and had me Staci Swain  
Communication: walk him through the Form.  
Phone

09/23/2020 Filer From: Caleb Decius Sent: Staci Swain  
Communication: Wednesday, September 23,  
Email 2020 3:05 PM To: France,  
Staci Subject: Re: Form 1  
2019 Hi Staci, I couldn't find  
a way to save the paper  
work so I screenshot  
instead. Hopefully that  
works Caleb Decius

09/23/2020 Filer From: France, Staci Sent: Staci Swain  
Communication: Wednesday, September 23,  
Email 2020 3:07 PM To: 'Caleb  
Decius' Subject: RE: Form 1  
2019 Mr. Decius, I can work  
with that. Form received  
and recorded. Appeal is  
attached. Sincerely, Staci A.  
France

09/23/2020 Filer From: France, Staci Sent: Staci Swain  
Communication: Wednesday, September 23,  
Email 2020 3:12 PM To:  
'ricot@pbcelections.org'  
Subject: FW: Form 1 2019  
Good afternoon Ricot,  
Please see attached Form 1  
for Caleb Decius 280604.  
Thanks!

10/10/2023 Fine Levied Fined \$550.00 Journal:  
10/10/2023 6:43  
PM

10/12/2023 Notice of Initial Fine Notice Journal:  
Assessed Fine 10/12/2023 1:57  
PM





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Notice of Assessed Fine -  
Filer 1st Fine Letter

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11/6/2023 Filer

Filer called. He believes he westberry.diana

Communication: left the position in 2020.

Phone

He also moved to Los  
Angeles about 2 years ago,  
and never received any  
information re: financial  
disclosure forms or fines.  
He will research dates and  
plans to appeal both fines.

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Fine Appeal

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11/13/2023 Fine Appeal

FD 20-060

Journal:

11/13/2023 1:56AM2020 Fine Appeal –  
FD 20-060

Update Appeal

Withdraw Appeal

Assign Attorney

Request More Info

Record Appeal Outcome

Appeal Status:

No Hearing Requested

Active

Appeal Receipt

Date: 11/08/2023

Timely Filed: Yes

Print Appeal Letter:

Yes

Hearing Requested:

No

Appeal Reason:

<p>Other</p> <p>Appeal Notes:</p> <p>Appeal Number: FD</p> <p>20-060</p> <p>Appeal Analyst</p> <p>Assigned:</p> <p>Final Order</p> <p>Number:</p> <p>Final Order Date:</p>
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