

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

IN RE: JONATHAN L. OWENS,

Case No. 25-2355EC

Respondent.

**ORDER CANCELLING HEARING, CLOSING FILE, AND
RELINQUISHING JURISDICTION**

This cause comes before the undersigned on Respondent's Motion to Relinquish Jurisdiction Based on Absence of Genuine Issue of Material Fact ("Motion"), filed March 20, 2026. The Motion asserts that no evidentiary hearing is necessary because no genuine issue of material fact remains as to essential elements of the charge against Respondent.

The Advocate filed a response to the Motion, concurring with the requested remedy of relinquishment of jurisdiction. In its response, the Advocate noted that there are "several facts and characterizations of the evidence on which the Commission disagrees with Respondent. However, because the Commission now agrees as to the requested remedy, those disputes are now immaterial."

Section 120. 57(1)(i), Florida Statutes, provides:

(i) When, in any proceeding conducted pursuant to this subsection, a dispute of material fact no longer exists, any party may move the administrative law judge to relinquish jurisdiction to the agency. An order relinquishing jurisdiction shall be rendered if the administrative law judge determines from the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with supporting and opposing affidavits, if any, that no genuine issue as to any material fact exists. If the administrative law judge enters an order relinquishing jurisdiction, the agency may promptly conduct a proceeding pursuant to subsection (2), if appropriate, but the parties may not raise any issues of disputed fact that could have been raised before the administrative law judge. An order entered by an administrative law judge relinquishing jurisdiction to the agency based upon a determination that no genuine dispute of material fact exists, need not contain findings of fact, conclusions of law, or a recommended disposition or penalty.

Inasmuch as the parties agree that there are no disputed issues of material fact remaining for determination, relinquishment of jurisdiction is appropriate.

The undersigned being fully advised, it is, therefore,

ORDERED that,

1. The final hearing scheduled for May 19 and 20, 2026, is cancelled.
2. The file of the Division of Administrative Hearings is closed.
3. Jurisdiction is relinquished to the Florida Commission on Ethics.

DONE AND ORDERED this 24th day of March, 2026, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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