

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**In re: Jonathan L. Owens,**

**Respondent.**

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**DOAH Case No. 25-2355EC**

**Complaint No. 23-231**

**MOTION TO CLOSE FILE AND RELINQUISH JURISDICTION**

COMES NOW, the Advocate for the Commission on Ethics, pursuant to Section 120.57(1)(i), Florida Statutes and Rule 28-106.204, F.A.C., and moves this Honorable Court for entry of an Order Closing File and Relinquishing Jurisdiction to the Commission on Ethics, and as grounds states as follows:

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

1. Jonathan L. Owens, Respondent, formerly served as Aide to then-Escambia County Commissioner Douglas Underhill.
2. On March 13, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Finding Probable Cause to believe that Respondent violated Section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by disclosing the unredacted contents of then-Escambia County Commissioner Jeff Bergosh to the attorneys for Dr. Rayme Edler, who was suing Escambia County at the time.
3. The matter was forwarded to the Division of Administrative Hearings for an administrative hearing, pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes. A hearing is scheduled for May 19, 2026.
4. In preparation for the hearing, attorney for Dr. Edler, Darth Newman, Esq., and Escambia County Attorney Alison Rogers, Esq., were interviewed.
5. The additional and clarifying testimony is sufficient to warrant further review by the agency.


6. The Advocate requests the Court relinquish jurisdiction back to the Commission to resolve the matter.

7. Counsel for Respondent does not concur with this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Advocate respectfully requests that this motion be granted and moves the Administrative Law Judge to issue an Order as follows:


Relinquishing Jurisdiction to the Commission on Ethics pursuant to Section 120.57(1)(i), Florida Statutes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the forgoing was sent to Counsel for Respondent Dennis Green Jr., Law Office of Dennis Green Jr., P.C., 24 W Chase Street, Suite 201, Pensacola, FL 32502, via email only to dennis@lawofficeofdennisgreen.com, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

  
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