

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO: Members, Commission on Ethics

FROM: Kerrie Stillman 
Executive Director

DATE: January 10, 2024

ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued two opinions at its December meeting. It has rendered 2,702 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION

Case Number 1D22-924, Daphne Campbell v. Florida Commission on Ethics. This is an appeal of Complaint No. 18-090. Appellant filed her Reply Brief on December 22, 2022. On January 3, 2023, the Commission filed a Motion to Strike the Reply Brief on the basis that it raised entirely new arguments not addressed in the Initial Brief. In the alternative, the Commission asked that it be given leave to file a limited response to the arguments raised in the Reply Brief. On January 20, 2023, the Court issued an order deferring a ruling on the motion to the panel of judges considering the merits of the appeal. Neither party requested oral argument, so we await the Court's ruling on the merits. On January 3, 2024, Gray Schafer contacted the clerk's office to check on the case, as it has been a year since we filed the Motion to Strike; the clerk's office confirmed that the case is yet to be decided. Gray Schafer, Melody Hadley, and Steven Zuilkowski are handling the appeal.

Case Number 1D22-3429, Douglas Underhill v. State of Florida, Commission on Ethics. This is an appeal of Complaint Nos. 20-060, 20-073, and 20-103 (cons.). All briefs are filed. Neither side requested oral argument. We now await the Court's ruling. Elizabeth Miller, Gray Schafer, and Steven Zuilkowski are handling the appeal.

USCA Case No. 23-12663 (11th Circuit Court of Appeals), and S.D. Fla. (1:22-CV-24156-BB) Garcia et al. v. Stillman et al.

Background: The district court entered final judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs, finding that Article II, Section 8(f)(2), was an unconstitutional abridgment of free speech. The district court enjoined the Commission from enforcing the provision on any public officer in the State.

Matters Concerning a Stay of the District Court Injunction: The Office of the Solicitor General filed a motion requesting a stay of the ruling as to all public officers in the State except Garcia, who was the only plaintiff found to have standing by the district court. An Eleventh Circuit motions panel granted our motion to stay the district court's permanent injunction to the extent it applied to any public officers other than Garcia, the only plaintiff with standing. Judges Jordan and Jill Pryor concurred, saying that they would have denied the motion had the district court found facial overbreadth. (This means that the "In-Office" Lobbying Restriction is currently enforceable to all public officers in Florida except Garcia.) On 12/11/23, Plaintiffs moved for reconsideration of the partial stay or a limited remand to the district court for clarification of the injunction order, specifically whether the district court actually found facial overbreadth. On 12/21/23, the Office of the Solicitor General opposed both requests for relief that Plaintiffs made in their motion. On 12/28/23, Plaintiffs filed a reply in support of their motion. To date, the

Eleventh Circuit has not ruled on the motion. On the same day Plaintiffs sought reconsideration or remand in the Eleventh Circuit, they also moved the district court to clarify its permanent injunction order re: facial overbreadth (i.e., "motion for indicative ruling"). The Solicitor General's Office opposed (12/26/23). Plaintiffs filed a reply in support of their motion (1/2/24). The district court has not ruled on the motion.

Merits of the Appeal: The Office of the Solicitor General has filed Appellants' Initial Brief. Plaintiffs' Answer/Cross-Appeal-Initial-Brief is due 1/25/24.

The Solicitor General's Office is handling the cases. Steven Zuilkowski is monitoring.

Case number 2023 CA 002016: Manes Pierre v. Commission on Ethics and Kerrie Stillman. Mr. Pierre originally filed this petition for writ of mandamus with the 5th DCA, case number 5D23-1388. The 5th DCA transferred it to the Circuit Court in and for Marion County, case number 2023-CA-2518. Judge Steven G. Rogers then ordered it transferred to the Circuit Court in and for Leon County. The case is currently assigned number 2023 CA 002016, with Judge John C. Cooper presiding. On August 9, 2023, a Leon County Deputy Clerk of Court instructed Mr. Pierre to either pay the filing fee for his petition or submit his indigent paperwork within 60 days, or else the case may be dismissed. On December 5, 2023, Judge Cooper dismissed the petition without prejudice due to Mr. Pierre's failure to file indigent paperwork. Joe Burns and Steven Zuilkowski handled the matter.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Gray will speak at the 2024 Annual Education Retreat for the Florida Conference of District Court of Appeals on Friday, January 12, in Atlantic Beach, Florida.

FINANCES

As of November 30, we've spent \$1,152,526.25 (39.09%) of our appropriation, with 41.67% of the FY gone.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

The Commission received Executive Orders imposing the recommended penalties in nine complaints. Those orders are attached.

PENDING ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

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- Complaint No. 15-178, In re Michael S. Murphy (Final Order 08/03/16)
- Complaint No. 17-108, In re Joel Davis (Final Order 06/13/18)
- Complaint No. 17-088, In re Cheryl Thomas-Hughes (Final Order 12/12/18)
- Complaint No. 16-062, In re Dennis McDonald (Final Order 10/30/19)
- Complaint No. 18-211, In re Thomas L. Clyce (Final Order 02/10/21)
- Complaint No. 18-168, In re Dustin Daniels (Final Order 04/21/21)
- Complaint No. 20-124, In re Francis David Bourrie (Final Order 06/09/21)
- Complaint No. 19-192, In re Marilyn D. Sconions (07/28/21)
- Complaint No. 20-125, In re Muhammad Amin (Final Order 10-27-21)

Complaint No. 21-077, In re Reginald Sessions (Final Order 10-27-21)
Complaint No. 18-020, In re Joseph Kilsheimer (Final Order 1-26-22)
Complaint No. 21-162, In re Cynthia Stuart (3-9-22)
Complaint No. 21-113, In re Dennis Ward (4-27-22)
Complaint No. 20-186, In re R.C. "Rick" Lussy (Final Order 6/8/2022)
Complaint No. 17-082, In re Carlos Beruff (Final Order 7/27/2022)
Complaint No. 20-100, In re David N. Tolces (Final Order 7/27/2022)
Complaint No. 20-120, In re Randall Merritt (Final 9/9/2022)
Complaint No. 20-165, 20-184 (cons), In re Omari Hardy (Final Order 9/9/2022)
Complaint No. 22-006, In re MaryBeth Henderson (Final Order 9/9/2022)
Complaint No. 20-060,
20-073, 20-103(Cons.), In re Douglas Underhill (Final Order 10/26/2022) *on appeal
Complaint No. 21-204, In re Rodney J. Braden (Final Order 10/26/2022)
Complaint No. 21-039 to 052, 21-057, 21-060, & 21-064 (Cons), In re Vanessa Baugh (2/1/2023)
Complaint No. 22-146, In re Jennie Blackburn (Final Order 4/26/23)
Complaint Nos. 19-100 to 19-120 (Cons.), In re Melody Jurado (Final Order 6/14/23)
Complaint No. 22-024, In re John Capps (Final Order 6/14/23)
Complaint No. 22-205, In re John Polinsky (Final Order 8/2/23)
Complaint No. 15-085, In re Colleen Reilly (Final Order 9/13/2023)
Complaint No. 21-229, In re Eddie Martinez (Final Order 9/13/2023)
Complaint No. 22-065, In re Oren Miller (Final Order 9/13/2023)
Complaint No. 23-108, Leslie Ricciardelli, (Final Order 10/25/23)
Complaint No. 22-163, William Oppenheimer (Final Order 10/25/23)
Complaint No. 22-164, Heather Post (Final Order 10/25/23)
Complaint No. 18-203, In re Christine Roberts (Final Order 12/6/2023)
Complaint No. 22-027, In re Ernesto Torres (Final Order 12/6/2023)

HOUSE

Complaint No. 18-026, In re Kim Daniels (Final Order 1/30/2019)
Complaint No. 20-206, In re Jackie Toledo (Final Order 10/27/2021)
Complaint No. 20-211, In re Tracie Davis (Final Order 10/27/2021)
Complaint No. 21-159, In re Tracie Davis (Final Order 6/8/2022)

SENATE

Complaint No. 18-090, In re Daphne Campbell (Final Order 3/9/2022) *on appeal

PENDING ACTION ON STATUTORILY-GENERATED LOBBYING FIRM AUDIT MATTERS (GOVERNOR AND CABINET)

Complaint No. 16-017, In re Dean Mead (Probable Cause 01/27/17)
Complaint No. 16-018, In re Buigas and Associates (Probable Cause 01/27/17)
Complaint No. 16-019, In re DDarling Consulting (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
Complaint No. 16-174, In re Kathy Till and Associates, Inc., (Probable Cause 08/02/17)
Complaint No. 16-170, In re Capitol Group, Inc., (Probable Cause 10/25/17)
Complaint No. 16-173, In re Johnson Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 12/13/17)
Complaint No. 16-175, In re Sayfie Law Firm (Probable Cause 10/25/17)

Complaint No. 17-132, In re Andrew J. Liles (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 17-134, In re Lester Abberger (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 17-135, In re Pruitt and Associates (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 17-136, In re Wilson and Associates, LLC (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 17-137, In re TC Wolfe (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 19-031, In re Impact GR (Probable Cause 09/18/19)
Complaint No. 20-055, In re All Florida Solutions, Inc. (Probable Cause 03/10/21)
Complaint No. 20-056, In re Carr Allison (Probable Cause 03/10/21)
Complaint No. 20-058, In re Pyle and Associates (Probable Cause 03/10/21)
Complaint No. 21-127, In re Diana Hadi Padgett (Probable Cause 12/3/21)
Complaint No. 21-128, In re CJT Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 12/3/21)
Complaint No. 22-074, In re Capitol Strategy Group (12/2/22)
Complaint No. 22-075, In re Buchanan, Ingersoll, and Rooney (12/2/22)



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November 17, 2023

Ms. Kerrie Stillman
Executive Director
State of Florida
Commission on Ethics
P.O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709

Re: In re Brian Burkeen, Complaint No. 18-047

Dear Ms. Stillman:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-005 and has recommended that Brian Burkeen, who served as Indian River County Assistant Fire Chief (or as an employee or position holder in the Indian River County Emergency Services District of the County's Department of Emergency Services) be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2023E-09.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bns
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Brian Burkeen

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-09

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Brian Burkeen was at all times material hereto the Indian River County Assistant Fire Chief (or an employee or position holder in the Indian River County Emergency Services District of the County's Department of Emergency Services), and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 21-005 rendered on April 21, 2021, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Brian Burkeen and therein found that Brian Burkeen (1) violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his public position and its resources to obtain tires, value, or profit for himself or another; (2) violated section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by creating contractual relationships with the individuals to whom he sold the tires paid for using County resources; and (3) violated section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by using public resources to obtain tires, value, or profit for himself or another; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-005 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Brian Burkeen violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his public position and its resources to obtain tires, value, or profit for himself or another; violated section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by creating contractual relationships with the individuals to whom he sold the tires paid for using County resources; and violated section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by using public resources to obtain tires, value, or profit for himself or another.

2. Brian Burkeen is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.

Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

Ryan D. Newman

Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis



ATTEST:

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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Alexis P. Rodriguez, Complaint No. 20-225

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-031 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$20,000.00 against Alexis P. Rodriguez, who was a candidate for Florida State Senate, District 37, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2023E-10. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bns
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. William Barzee, Attorney for Respondent

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-10

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Alexis P. Rodriguez was at all times material a candidate for Florida State Senator, District 37, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 21-031 rendered on October 27, 2021, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Alexis P. Rodriguez and therein found that Alexis P. Rodriguez violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate or incomplete 2019 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests," and violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by accepting money from another based on the understanding that he would change his party affiliation, qualify to run in the 2020 Florida Senate race, and file a false CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests."

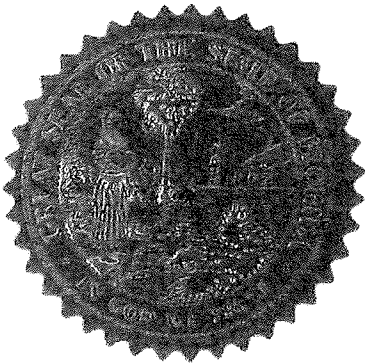
WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-031 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **RON DESANTIS**, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Alexis P. Rodriguez violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate or incomplete 2019 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests," and violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by accepting money from another based on the understanding that he would change his party affiliation, qualify to run in the 2020 Florida Senate race, and file a false CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests."

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$20,000 for the violations of Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and sections 112.3144 and 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Alexis P. Rodriguez, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Alexis P. Rodriguez is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



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GENERAL COUNSEL

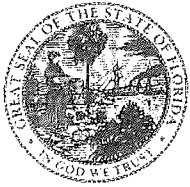
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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Frantz Pierre, Complaint No. 16-130

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-022 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 against Frantz Pierre, who was a member of the City Council for the city of North Miami Beach, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2023E-11. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bns
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Benedict P. Kuehne, Attorney for Respondent

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-11

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Frantz Pierre was at all times material hereto a member of the City Council for the City of North Miami Beach and, as such, was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 21-022 rendered on September 15, 2021, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Frantz Pierre and therein found that Frantz Pierre (1) violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club based upon an understanding that he would be influenced in his official capacity; (2) violated section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club when he knew, or with the exercise of reasonable care, should have known that the things of value were given to influence him in his official capacity; and (3) violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans directly

or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club, by soliciting and accepting contributions under the guise of a "turkey giveaway," and by keeping all or some of the money for himself; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-022 are accepted.

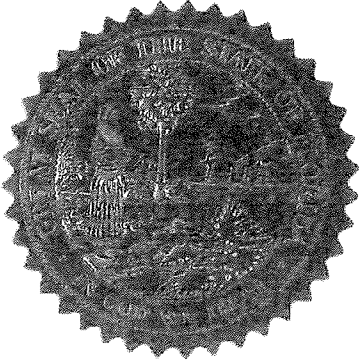
NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Frantz Pierre violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club based upon an understanding that he would be influenced in his official capacity; violated section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club when he knew, or with the exercise of reasonable care, should have known that the things of value were given to influence him in his official capacity; and violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club, by soliciting and accepting contributions under the guise of a "turkey giveaway," and by keeping all or some of the money for himself.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 for the violation of sections 112.313(2), 112.313(4), and 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Frantz Pierre, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a

written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Frantz Pierre is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



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DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

Ryan D. Newman

Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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November 17, 2023

The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Thomas Hardee, Referral No. 19-158

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-006 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$8,00.00 against Thomas Hardee, who was the Supervisor of Elections for Madison County, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2023E-12. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie Stillman
Mr. Mark V. Murray, Attorney for Respondent

STATE OF FLORIDA

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-12

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hardee was at all times material hereto Supervisor of Elections for Madison County, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 21-006 rendered on April 21, 2021, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Thomas Hardee and therein found that Thomas Hardee violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his position to arrange for the issuance of or to receive salary advances above and beyond the statutorily mandated salary of County Supervisor of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-006 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the

Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Thomas Hardee violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his position to arrange for the issuance of or to receive salary advances above and beyond the statutorily mandated salary of County Supervisor of Elections.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$8,000 for the violation of section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Thomas Hardee, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Thomas Hardee is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

Ryan D. Newman

Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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November 17, 2023

The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Andreana Jackson, Complaint No. 18-141

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-003 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00 against Andreana Jackson, who is a former Vice Mayor for the city of North Bay Village, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2023E-13. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Benedict P. Kuehne, Attorney for the Respondent
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for the Respondent

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-13

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Andreana Jackson was at all times material hereto the Vice Mayor for the City of North Bay Village, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 22-003 rendered on January 26, 2022, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Andreana Jackson and therein found that Andreana Jackson violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by requesting and receiving free admission to a charity event for herself and a friend on the basis that she was Vice Mayor of the City of North Bay Village; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-003 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the

Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Andreana Jackson violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by requesting and receiving free admission to a charity event for herself and a friend on the basis that she was Vice Mayor of the City of North Bay Village.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 for the violation of section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Andreana Jackson, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Andreana Jackson is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

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On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Dorothy Miles, Complaint No. 18-044

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-027 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00 against Dorothy Miles, a former member and former Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2023E-14. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bns
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Dorothy Miles

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-14

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Miles was at all times material hereto a member and Chair of the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 22-027 rendered on July 27, 2022, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Dorothy Miles and therein found that Dorothy Miles (1) violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position to receive a special benefit in the form of additional compensation for her role on the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; (2) violated section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes, by doing business with her agency, the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District, when she billed it for accounting services; (3) violated section 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, by having a conflicting employment or contractual relationship with her agency, the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; and (4) violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position

to obtain unauthorized compensation for her special benefit through her role as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; and

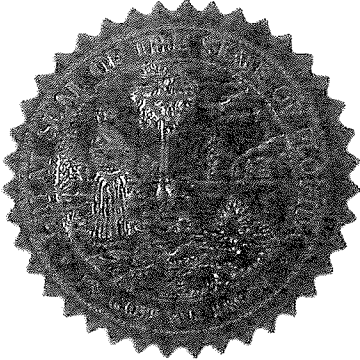
WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-027 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Dorothy Miles violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position to receive a special benefit in the form of additional compensation for her role on the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; violated section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes, by doing business with her agency, the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District, when she billed it for accounting services; violated section 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, by having a conflicting employment or contractual relationship with her agency, the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District; and violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using her position to obtain unauthorized compensation for her special benefit through her role as a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Coquina Water Control District.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 for the violation of sections 112.313(6), 112.313(3), and 112.313(7), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Dorothy Miles, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Dorothy Miles is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



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GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

Ryan D. Newman

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GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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November 17, 2023

The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Chandler Williamson, Complaint No. 20-116

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-043 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,500.00 against Chandler Williamson, the City Manager for the City of Pahokee, Florida, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2023E-15. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.324(8), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bns
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Chandler Williamson

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-15

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Chandler Williamson was at all times material hereto the City Manager for the City of Pahokee, Florida, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 22-043 rendered on October 26, 2022, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Chandler Williamson and therein found that Chandler Williamson violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using a City-issued credit card for his own private benefit or for the benefit of others in violation of the City's credit card policies and directives, the City's travel policy, the City's rules and regulations, and state law; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-043 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Chandler Williamson violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using a City-issued credit card for his own private benefit or for the benefit of others in violation of the City's credit card policies and directives, the City's travel policy, the City's rules and regulations, and state law.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$4,500 for the violation of section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Chandler Williamson which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payments must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Chandler Williamson is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

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Ryan D. Newman

Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Robin Hatcher, Complaint No. 22-060

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-045 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 against Robin Hatcher, City Clerk for the City of Bristol, Florida, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2023E-16. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.324(8), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bns
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Robin Hatcher

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-16

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Robin Hatcher was at all times material hereto the City Clerk for the City of Bristol, Florida, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 22-045 rendered on October 26, 2022, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Robin Hatcher and therein found that Robin Hatcher violated Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, by abusing her public position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for herself and that she violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using City funds for a personal purpose; and

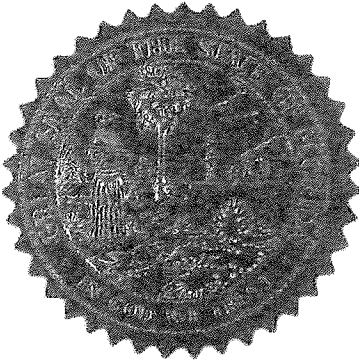
WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-045 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Robin Hatcher violated Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, by abusing her public position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for herself and violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using City funds for a personal purpose.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000 for the violation of Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, and section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Robin Hatcher which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payments must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Robin Hatcher is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

Ryan D. Newman

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On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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November 17, 2023

The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Justin David Feller, Complaint No. 22-039

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-012 and has recommended that the Governor impose a \$2,000.00 civil penalty against Justin David Feller, who was a Program Specialist IV for the Florida Department of Education, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2023E-17. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.324(8), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. John J. Anastasio, Attorney for Respondent

STATE OF FLORIDA
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-17

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Justin David Feller was at all times material hereto a Program Specialist IV for the Florida Department of Education, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 23-012 rendered on June 14, 2023, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Justin David Feller and therein found that Justin David Feller violated Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, by using his position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself and that he violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his position to secure a privilege, benefit, or exemption for himself or another (i.e., by using unauthorized gift cards and accepting unauthorized payments from a third party); and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-012 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Justin David Feller violated Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, by using his position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself and that he violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his position to secure a privilege, benefit, or exemption for himself or another (i.e., by using unauthorized gift cards and accepting unauthorized payments from a third party).

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000 for the violations of Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, and section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Justin David Feller, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payments must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Justin David Feller is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis
GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

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GENERAL COUNSEL

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