

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re UWEZO FRAZIER,)	Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 21-003
)	
Appellant.)	Final Order No.
_____)	

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, on its own motion, meeting in public session on January 26, 2024, in the matter of Uwezo Frazier, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, 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 before the Commission.

Findings of Fact

1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as a principal in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools system, a position that requires the filing of a CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year 2020. The designated due date for submitting a 2020 CE Form 1 annual filing was July 1, 2021, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2021.

2. No later than June 1, 2021, the Broward County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a 2020 CE Form 1. This mailing was sent to 4672 SW 126th Avenue, Miramar, FL 33027. It is unknown if the Appellant received this mailing.

3. On July 30, 2021, the Broward County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a Notice of Delinquency by certified mail. This notice was sent to the 4672 SW 126th Avenue address. It is unknown if the Appellant received this mailing.

4. On August 20, 2021, the Commission mailed Appellant a postcard intended to remind him of his obligation to file a 2020 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the 4672 SW 126th Avenue address. It is unknown if Appellant received this mailing.

5. On August 27, 2021, Commission staff sent Appellant an email reminding him of his obligation to file a 2020 CE Form 1 and stating that his form had not been received and that an attempt to contact him by phone had been unsuccessful. The email was sent to ufrazier@dadeschools.net. It is unknown if Appellant received this email.

6. On September 8, 2021, seven days after the grace period expired, the Commission mailed Appellant a courtesy notice informing him that his 2020 CE Form 1 had not been received by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections and that he was being fined \$25 per day, up to a maximum of \$1,500. The Commission mailed this notice to the 4672 SW 126th Avenue address. It is unknown if Appellant received this mailing.

7. On February 27, 2023, the Commission sent Appellant a Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine by certified mail to the 4672 SW 126th Avenue address, which indicated that Appellant had accrued a \$1,500 fine and informed him of his right to appeal the fine. It stated that the appeal had to be received by the Commission by March 29, 2023, to be considered timely. Postal records indicate the notice was received on March 3, 2023, and was signed for by an unknown recipient.

8. On June 12, 2023, the Commission received Appellant's completed 2020 CE Form 1.

9. On June 15, 2023, Commission investigator Keith Powell sent Appellant an email in which he reminded Appellant of their conversation days earlier and told Appellant that he would need to file an appeal with respect to his 2020 CE Form 1 in order to possibly avoid having a hearing on whether his failure to file his 2020 CE Form 1 was willful. *See* § 112.3145(9)(c), Fla. Stat. Mr. Powell attached a 2021 Appeal Form (for Form Year 2020) to the email and stated that Appellant should complete and file the form immediately.

10. On June 16, 2023, the Commission received Appellant's completed Appeal of Automatic Fine for Form Year 2020, which had been signed on June 16, 2023.

11. In his appeal, Appellant stated that he did not file his 2020 CE Form 1 timely because his wife and daughter were both ill due to complications after surgery and complications from COVID. He stated that this caused his wife and daughter to miss significant time from work and school and that Appellant was their sole caretaker and sole provider. Appellant states that he fell behind in meeting his obligation to timely file his CE Form 1 because his mind was on the well-being of his family.

12. In a subsequent communication between the Commission's legal staff and Appellant, Appellant was asked whether he had signed for the certified letter containing the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine upon its receipt on March 3, 2023. Appellant stated that he had not signed for the letter and that it was possible one of his children had. Appellant stated that he never received the letter (which contained his appeal rights), however. Appellant stated that he did not become aware of his appellate rights until he appeared before the Commission on June 9, 2023, regarding another matter.

Conclusions of Law

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

14. 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.

15. Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, 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.

16. Commission Rule 34-8.215, F.A.C., defines "unusual circumstances" as follows:

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. Circumstances which allow for time in which to take those steps necessary to assure compliance with the filing requirements shall be deemed not to constitute unusual circumstances.

17. Appellant's appeal is accepted as timely. Although the notice containing appellate rights was sent to 4672 SW 126th Avenue, Miramar, FL 33027-6052 on February 27, 2023, which was Appellant's residential address, he denies having received the notice and denies that he signed for the mailing. The record contains no evidence to dispute Appellant's contentions.

18. Regarding the merits of the appeal of his late 2020 CE Form 1, Appellant's reason for not filing his 2020 CE Form 1 timely was that his wife and daughter were ill for an extended time due to complications from surgery and COVID and he failed to timely file his CE Form 1 because he was pre-occupied with his family's well-being. The Supervisor of Elections and the Commission, however, sent Appellant multiple notices regarding his filing requirement. Appellant did not dispute having received those notices either by checking the "Lack of Notification – Failure to Receive Notice" box on the appeal form or by explaining in his appeal that he did not know about the filing requirement.

19. In the absence of an actual, specific, and personal barrier posed by the COVID-19 pandemic to an appellant, we do not find the general difficulties posed to *all reporting individuals across the State of Florida* by the COVID-19 pandemic to be an "unusual circumstance" that prevented the timely filing of financial disclosure. The other reason given for Appellant's failure to timely file his CE Form 1 was that a family member experienced complications from surgery. In that this did not constitute an actual, specific, and *personal* barrier to Appellant, we do not find that Appellant's taking care of this family member constitutes an "unusual circumstance" that prevented him from filing his CE Form 1 timely. Thus, there does not appear to be an "unusual circumstance" that would justify the waiver of the fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby affirms the assessed fine of \$1,500 and dismisses the appeal. 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 Coordinator, 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
Friday, January 26, 2024.

Date Rendered

Ashley Lukis
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.

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Copy furnished to:

Mr. Uwezo Frazier
4672 SW 126th Avenue
Miramar, FL 33027

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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Tallahassee, FL 32303
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Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2020

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: Uwezo Frazier

Address: 4672 SW 126th Ave City: Miramar State: FL Zip: 33027

Daytime Tel.: 305 691 8324 Cell: 786 258 6285

Email: ufrazier@dadeschools.net Filer ID# (if known): _____

Public Employer: Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Public Position: Principal

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, 2020** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2020)
- 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.

My wife and daughter fell ill simultaneously. One illness occurred due to complications after surgery and the other illness was brought on due to complications from Covid-19. This caused both family members to miss significant time from work and school. During the time I was the sole provider for the household and the primary caregiver for both. I fell behind in meeting my obligation to complete the signature page as my mind was on the well-being of my family.

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.

4/14/23
DATE


SIGNATURE

FORM 1

**STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

2020

Please print or type your name, mailing address, agency name, and position below:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

LAST NAME -- FIRST NAME -- MIDDLE NAME :

Frazier Uwezo

MAILING ADDRESS :

4672 SW 126th Ave

CITY : ZIP : COUNTY :

Miramar 33027 Broward

NAME OF AGENCY :

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT :

Principal

CHECK ONLY CANDIDATE OR NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

Received
6/12/2023

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PROCESSED

**** THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED ****

DISCLOSURE PERIOD:

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS:

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**):

COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS OR DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS

PART A -- PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major sources of income to the reporting person - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME	SOURCE'S ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY
Miami-Dade County Schools	1501 NE 2nd Ave Miami, FL 33132	Education

PART B -- SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE

PART C -- REAL PROPERTY [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

4672 SW 126th Ave Miramar, FL 33027

You are not limited to the space on the lines on this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS for when and where to file this form are located at the bottom of page 2.

INSTRUCTIONS on who must file this form and how to fill it out begin on page 3.

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY [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

PART E — LIABILITIES [Major debts - See instructions]
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES [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		
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY		
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY		
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS		
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST		

PART G — TRAINING For elected municipal officers, appointed school superintendents, and commissioners of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163 required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S.

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

SIGNATURE OF FILER:

Signature:



Date Signed:

06/12/2023

CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY

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 Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.

CPA/Attorney Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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.

Local officers/employees 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. Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics, it will be returned.

State officers or specified state employees 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. Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one filing method. Form 6s will not be accepted via email.

Candidates file this form together with their filing papers.

MULTIPLE FILING UNNECESSARY: A candidate who files a Form 1 with a qualifying officer is not required to file with the Commission or Supervisor of Elections.

WHEN TO FILE: Initially, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file **within 30 days** 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.

Candidates must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

Thereafter, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

Finally, 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 not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2020.

Heyward, Katharine

From: Frazier, Uwezo B. <ufrazier@dadeschools.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 8:01 PM
To: Heyward, Katharine
Subject: RE: Your appeals of Automatic Fines for CE Form Years 2019 and 2020

Good evening Ms. Heyward,

As it pertains to the questions below:

- 1) Is that your signature on the second page of the USPS Tracking Information attachment?

No. The signature on the document is not mine.

- 2) If not, who signed for the certified mail envelope?

I'm assuming it was one of my children. However they don't recall signing for it.

- 3) If someone else signed for the certified mail envelope, did you receive the envelope, which contained the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine for your 2019 CE Form 1 and the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine for your 2020 CE Form 1?

I did not receive the documents.

- 4) If you signed for the certified mail envelope or if you received the envelope from another person who signed for it, why didn't you file your appeals of the these Notices of Assessment of Automatic Fines for your 2019 and 2020 CE Form 1's by March 29, 2023, which is the deadline specified in the Notices? Your appeals were filed on June 16, 2023.

I did not sign for or receive the envelope. I was made aware after appearing in front of the Commission on Ethics. I filled out the forms immediately after.

Uwezo Frazier

From: Heyward, Katharine <HEYWARD.KATHARINE@leg.state.fl.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 3:52 PM
To: Frazier, Uwezo B. <ufrazier@dadeschools.net>
Subject: Your appeals of Automatic Fines for CE Form Years 2019 and 2020

CAUTION: This email originated outside of dadeschools.net. Do not click on links or attachments unless you are expecting the email or recognize the sender and know the message is safe.

Mr. Frazier,

Your appeals of the \$1500 fines with respect to the late filing of your 2019 and 2020 CE Form 1 financial disclosure forms have been assigned to me. I have attached the Notices of Assessment of Automatic Fines for your 2019 and 2020 CE Form 1's and the U.S. Post Office's tracking information for the certified mail envelope in which these notices were sent. Please review the signature for the receipt of the certified mail envelope on the second page of the USPS Tracking Information attachment above. Both notices were sent in the same certified envelope. Please answer the following:

- 1) Is that your signature on the second page of the USPS Tracking Information attachment?
- 2) If not, who signed for the certified mail envelope?
- 3) If someone else signed for the certified mail envelope, did you receive the envelope, which contained the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine for your 2019 CE Form 1 and the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine for your 2020 CE Form 1?
- 4) If you signed for the certified mail envelope or if you received the envelope from another person who signed for it, why didn't you file your appeals of the these Notices of Assessment of Automatic Fines for your 2019 and 2020 CE Form 1's by March 29, 2023, which is the deadline specified in the Notices? Your appeals were filed on June 16, 2023.

I will need your responses to these questions **by October 4, 2023**, in order for this information to be taken into consideration as part of your appeals.

Thank you.

Katharine B. Heyward

Attorney

Florida Commission on Ethics

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BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Uwezo Frazier**
Principal
Employees
Miami-Dade County Public Schools

PID#: 250766

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 2020 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2020 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2021. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2021. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, up to the maximum fine of \$1,500.00 (60 days late), pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2020 CE Form 1 has not been filed with the Supervisor of Elections for Broward County within the 60 days of the grace period date (September 1, 2021), you have accrued the maximum fine amount of \$1,500.00. 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. Unless the fine is successfully appealed, the Commission is required to investigate public officers and employees who receive the maximum \$1,500 fine, to determine whether their failure to file was willful. The penalty for willfully failing to file disclosure is removal from public office or employment.

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. 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 **March 29, 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, 2021, 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, 2020:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2020; 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.

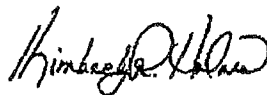
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

**Uwezo Frazier
4672 Sw 126th Ave
Miramar, FL 33027 -6052**

by Certified Mail on this Monday, February 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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Fax: (850) 488-3077
Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

FORM 1

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

2020

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Uwezo Frazier
Principal
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Employees
4672 Sw 126th Ave
Miramar FL 33027 -6052



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Frazier Uwezo

CHECK ONLY IF [] CANDIDATE OR [] NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

**** THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED ****

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MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS:

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[] COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS OR [] DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS

PART A -- PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major sources of income to the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Table with 3 columns: NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME, SOURCE'S ADDRESS, DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY

PART B -- SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Table with 4 columns: NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY, NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME, ADDRESS OF SOURCE, PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE

PART C -- REAL PROPERTY [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Table with 1 column for reporting real property details

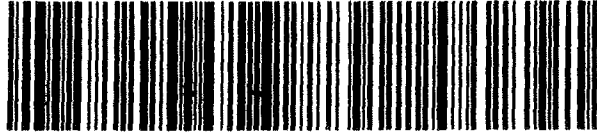
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INSTRUCTIONS on who must file this form and how to fill it out begin on page 3.



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Memo: 2019 FY Resend and 2020 FY Notice of Assessed Fines
Created By: Kimberly Holmes - Commission on Ethics

Signature Information

Signed For By: UWEZO FRAZIER
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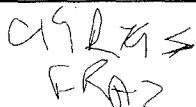
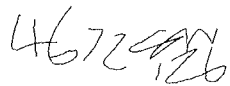
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Return Receipt Electronic
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4672 SW 126th Ave
Miramar, FL 33027-6052
2019 FY Resend and 2020 FY Notice of Assessed Fines

Holmes, Kim

From: Powell, Keith
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 11:11 AM
To: ufrazier@dadeschools.net
Cc: Maleszewski, Tracey; Holmes, Kim
Subject: Financial Disclosure Appeals
Attachments: FineAppeal2020.pdf; FineAppeal2021.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Mr. Frazier –

Thank you for filing your CE Form 1s for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2022 following our discussion on Friday. As we also discussed on Friday following the Commission on Ethics Probable Cause Hearing, you will need to file appeals for the years 2019 and 2020 to avoid finding yourself in a similar position in the future since those forms were filed late. To assist you in that effort, I have attached both the 2020 (for Form Year 2019) and 2021 (for Form Year 2020) Appeal Forms which you should complete and file immediately. If you have any questions, please contact this office and speak to someone in our Financial Disclosure Section.

Regards -

A. Keith Powell

Investigations Manager
Florida Commission on Ethics
850-488-7864



**Florida Commission on Ethics
Financial Disclosure Notification System
Delinquency Certification (2021)**

I Joe Scott, the Supervisor of Elections of Broward 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, 2021 financial disclosure deadline and a blank Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, not later than June 1, 2021;

(2) was determined to be delinquent in filing a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, by July 1, 2021;

(3) was sent a delinquency notice by certified mail not later than August 1, 2021 advising him or her of the grace period in effect until September 1, 2021; 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, 2021; 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



SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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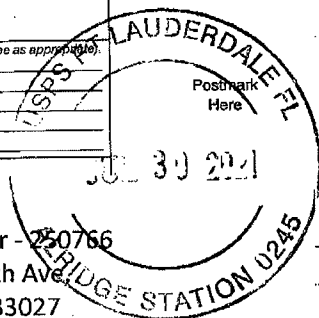
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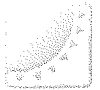
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Status

Filing: ACTIVE
 Fine: No Fine

Flags

Public Address
 Filing Extensions
 Indefinite: None
 Temporary:
 None
 Eligible for Fines

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2021 Fines and Appeals

Form Year 2020 Filed Forms

Received Date	Form Type	Form Signed	Filed by Email	Filing Location	Updated	Comments
06/12/23	Form 1	Yes	No	SOE	holmesk on 06/14/2023	Received by COE on behalf of Broward Supervisor of Elections

2021 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
\$1,500.00	Appeal	2/27/2023	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			

Fine Address 4672 Sw 126th Ave Miramar FL 33027-6052
 Org/Suborg Miami-Dade County Public Schools-Employees

2021 Fine Payment History

Date Posted	Description	Amount	Method	Payment ID	Comments
2/27/2023	Fine Levied	+ \$1,500.00			Fined \$1500.00

Current Balance: \$1,500.00

2021 Fine Year Event Chronology

Invalidate Transaction

+ Add a New Filer

Jump To A Filer

PID:

Quick Filer Search

First Name:

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Letter Sent To:
 Uwezo Frazier
 4672 Sw 126th Ave
 Miramar, FL 33027 -6052

08/27/2021	Filer	Attempted to call to no avail Communication: line rang and rang no one Email picked up. sent email. Hello and Good Afternoon I attempted to reach you via telephone but was unsuccessful. This email serves to advise you that as of today August 27, 2021, the required CE Form 1 for the year of 2020 has not been filed with the Florida Commission on Ethics. Earlier this year you were notified of your obligation to file this form. The form was supposed to be file by December 31, 2020, a grace period was given but will expiring on September 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. If you fail to complete and submit the CE Form 1 in or on September 1, 2021 Pursuant to State Law, an automatic fine of \$25 per day for each day late (up to a maximum of \$1,500) will be assessed against you if the form is not received. Failure to file your CE Form 1 can result in removal from public office or employment. Pease file your CE Form 1 immediately with your county Supervisor of Elections.	Ana Sanchez
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Respectfully, Ana Sanchez
Investigator Delivery to these recipients or groups is complete, but no delivery notification was sent by the destination server:
ufrazier@dadeschools.net
(ufrazier@dadeschools.net)

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Accruing 9/8/2021
Printing Confirmed:
9/8/2021

Letter Sent To:
Uwezo Frazier
4672 Sw 126th Ave
Miramar, FL 33027 -6052

02/27/2023 Fine Levied Fined \$1500.00 Journal: 2/27/2023
11:36 AM

02/27/2023 Notice of Initial Fine Notice Journal: 2/27/2023
Assessed Fine 11:42 AM

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1st Fine Letter 2/27/2023
Printing Confirmed:
2/27/2023

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06/12/2023 Form Received Form 1 Received, Signed Form 1 Received by
Received by COE
on behalf of
Broward Supervisor
of Elections SOE

Form Received By:
Filing Location: Broward County SOE
Record Created By: Kimberly Holmes on 06/14/2023

06/29/2023 Fine Appeal FD 21-003 Journal: 6/29/2023
12:23 PM

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6/29/2023

Printing Confirmed:

6/29/2023

Letter Sent To:

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2021 Fine Appeal –
FD 21-003

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Appeal Status: No Hearing Requested

Active

Appeal Receipt

Date: 06/16/2023

Timely Filed: No

Print Appeal Letter:

Yes

Hearing Requested:

No

Appeal Reason:

Other

Appeal Notes:

Appeal Number: FD

21-003

Appeal Analyst

Assigned:

Final Order

Number:

Final Order Date: