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BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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In re JONATHAN L. OWENS,

Respondent.

Complaint No. 23-231

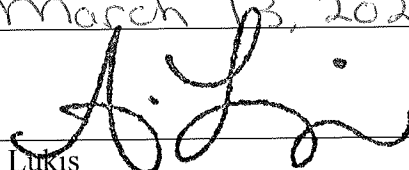
ORDER FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE

Based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds that there is probable cause to believe the Respondent, while serving the Legislative Aide to Escambia County Commissioner Douglas Underhill, violated Section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by disclosing or using information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason of his official position for his benefit or any other person.

Therefore, the Commission on Ethics orders a public hearing as to whether the Respondent violated Section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, as set forth in the paragraph above. A formal notice of hearing of the matters on which probable cause has been found will be prepared and sent to the Respondent and to the Advocate.

Under Commission Rule 34-5.020, F.A.C., the Commission may resolve this complaint proceeding through a stipulation, settlement, or consent order entered into by the Respondent and the Commission's Advocate and approved by the Commission. If the Respondent wishes to pursue a settlement of these matters, he should contact the Commission's Advocate at (850) 414-3300 to discuss the terms of a possible settlement.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on
Friday, March 8, 2024.

March 13, 2024
Date

Ashley Lukis
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

AL: gps

cc: Mr. Dennis D. Green, Attorney for Respondent
Ms. Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate
Mr. Jeffrey W. Bergosh, Complainant