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BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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In re ROD LINCOLN,

Respondent.

Complaint No. 25-064

DOAH Case No. 26-0300EC

Final Order No. 26-XXX

ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION

On Friday, June 5, 2026, the Commission on Ethics met in public session and considered the dismissal of this complaint. The Commission's review was limited to the question of whether jurisdiction existed to continue the investigation pursuant to Section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes.

The Commission voted to dismiss the complaint based on the following analysis:

1. This complaint was initiated pursuant to Section 112.3145(9)(c) for investigation by the Commission on Ethics. According to Section 112.3145(9)(c), the investigation and subsequent hearing must be conducted in accordance with Section 112.324, Florida Statutes.
2. The Respondent, Rod Lincoln, served as a member of the Villages of Pasadena Hills Advisory & Planning Committee.
3. Section 112.3145(9)(c) states that if a person holding public office or public employment fails or refuses to file an annual statement of financial interest for any year in which the person received notices from the Commission regarding the failure to file and has accrued the maximum automatic fine, the Commission on Ethics shall initiate an investigation to determine whether that person's failure or refusal to file financial disclosure was willful and, if so determined, the Commission shall recommend the person's removal from his or her public position.

4. Following a finding of probable cause by the Commission on Ethics, and following the Advocate's Motion to Schedule matter, Adopt the ALJ's Order, Recommend Penalty, and Render Final Order, Respondent notified the Commission that he resigned from his public position. Because the holding of public office or employment is necessary to invoke and maintain the Commission's investigatory jurisdiction under Section 112.3145(9)(c), the public interest would no longer be served by further proceedings. See Section 112.324(12), Florida Statutes.

5. This order in no way restricts or impairs the Commission's actions in the collection of any fines resulting from an untimely filing of financial disclosure, as contemplated by Section 112.31455, Florida Statutes, and it does not affect the Commission's ability to proceed against the Respondent under Section 112.3145(9)(c), should the Respondent attain a public position in the future.

Accordingly, this complaint is hereby dismissed with the issuance of this order.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on June 5, 2026.

Date Rendered

Jon M. Philipson
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

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cc: Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent