

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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CONFIDENTIAL

In re ROD LINCOLN,

Respondent.

Complaint No. 25-064

DETERMINATION OF INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION
AND ORDER TO INVESTIGATE

UPON REVIEW of records of the Commission on Ethics, I find as follows:

1. The Respondent, Rod Lincoln, allegedly serves as a member of the Villages of Pasadena Hills Advisory & Planning Committee.
2. The Respondent failed or refused to file a 2021 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, on or before September 1, 2022, the date automatic fines of \$25 per day began to accrue under Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes (2021).
3. As of November 1, 2022, the Respondent accrued the maximum fine (\$1,500) authorized under Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes (2021).
4. The Respondent was sent or received notice regarding the fine assessment for failure to file a 2021 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests.
5. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes (2021), if a person holding public office or public employment fails or refuses to file an annual statement for any year in which the person received notice from the Commission regarding the failure to file and has accrued the maximum automatic fine authorized under Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes (2021), regardless of whether the fine imposed was paid or collected, the Commission shall initiate an

investigation and conduct a public hearing without receipt of a complaint to determine whether the person's failure to file is willful.

6. The facts stated in this order are sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics as set forth in Section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes (2021).

WHEREFORE staff of the Commission on Ethics shall conduct an investigation of this matter for a probable cause determination as to whether the Respondent has willfully failed or refused to file an annual disclosure statement, as set forth above.

March 13, 2025
Date

Kerrie J. Stillman
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Executive Director

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