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**BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re: Chandler Williamson,

Respondent.

Complaint No. 20-116

JOINT STIPULATION OF FACT, LAW, AND RECOMMENDED ORDER

Respondent, Chandler Williamson, and the Advocate for the Florida Commission on Ethics enter into this Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order with respect to the above-styled Complaint. Subject to acceptance by the Commission on Ethics, the parties agree that they enter into this stipulated settlement in lieu of further hearings in this cause. The parties stipulate as follows:

STIPULATED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was the City of Pahokee City Manager and, therefore, is subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.
2. On July 14, 2020, a sworn Complaint was filed with the Commission on Ethics alleging that Respondent violated the Code of Ethics.
3. Pursuant to Section 112.322, Florida Statutes, the Executive Director of the Commission on Ethics found that the Complaint was legally sufficient and on August 27, 2020, ordered a preliminary investigation of the Complaint for a probable cause determination of whether Respondent had violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes. The Report of Investigation was released on January 10, 2022.

4. The allegation is:

- I. Respondent violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using the City-issued credit card for his own private benefit, or 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 of Florida laws.

5. Respondent admits the facts as set forth in the Report of Investigation concerning the Allegation in paragraph four (4) as incorporated by reference in this Joint Stipulation. Respondent immediately paid restitution to the City and he has since resigned from the position.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers, and Employees.

7. The Commission on Ethics has jurisdiction over the Complaint as filed in this proceeding and over Respondent.

8. Respondent admits the allegation as set forth in paragraph four (4) of the Stipulated Findings of Fact, above.

STIPULATED RECOMMENDED ORDER

9. The Advocate accepts Respondent's admission in this proceeding.

10. The Advocate and Respondent have entered into this Joint Stipulation and urge the Commission on Ethics to approve it in lieu of further hearings in this cause.

11. Therefore, the parties request and the Advocate recommends that:

(a) The Commission on Ethics approve this Joint Stipulation, embodying the stipulations, admissions, and recommendations of the parties;

(b) The Commission on Ethics enter a Final Order and Public Report finding that Respondent violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, and recommend:

- (1) A civil penalty of \$4,500, and

- (2) Public censure and a reprimand of Respondent.

FURTHER STIPULATIONS

12. Respondent and the Advocate stipulate and covenant that, in consideration of the provisions of this Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order, they accept and will comply with the above-referenced Final Order and Public Report of the Commission on Ethics.

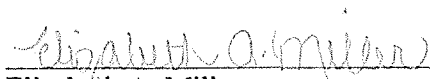
13. Respondent and the Advocate stipulate that this Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order is submitted to the Commission on Ethics for its consideration and ratification. In the event that it is not approved by the Commission on Ethics as written, this document shall be of no purpose and effect and shall not be deemed an admission by Respondent.

14. Respondent enters into this Joint Stipulation with the understanding of the seriousness of the allegations and gives his assurance that this proceeding has affected the manner in which he conducts himself as a public official in a positive way.

15. Effective upon approval of this Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order by the Commission on Ethics, Respondent waives all time, notice, hearing rights, requirements, and entitlements, as to all subsequent hearings in this proceeding.

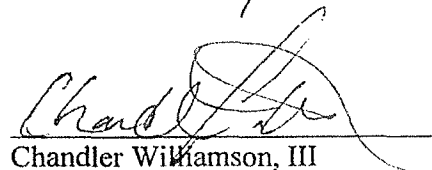
Signed, dated, and entered into:

this 22nd day of Sept. 2022.


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