

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re Howard Jones PhD

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2021 CE Form 1

ORDER DECLARING FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE FINE UNCOLLECTIBLE

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on Friday, October 23, 2026, in the matter of Howard Jones. Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes, assesses an automatic fine of \$25 per day on each person who is required to file an annual Statement of Financial Interests (CE Form 1), but whose form is not timely filed, up to a maximum of \$1,500.

1. Howard Jones served as an employee of Broward County Schools, and, as such, was required to file a 2021 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, no later than September 1, 2022.

2. Howard Jones' CE Form 1 was received late, resulting in an automatic fine of \$650.00.

3. Under Section 112.3145(8)(i), Florida Statutes, any fine that is not waived by a Final Order of the Commission, and remains unpaid more than 60 days after the Notice of Payment Due is transmitted, must be submitted to the Department of Financial Services as a claim, debt or other obligation owed to the state.

4. Under Section 17.20(3)(b), Florida Statutes, an agency may request an exemption when assignment to a collection agency would be inappropriate. The agency must provide a written request, explaining the reasons the agency believes the account should be precluded from collections.

5. In September of 2026, internet research confirmed the passing of Howard Jones on March 30, 2026.

6. On its own motion, the Commission determines that the \$650.00 fine assessed against Howard Jones is uncollectible and requests that the Department of Financial Services consider it to be exempt from collection.

DONE and ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on Friday, October 23, 2026.

Date Rendered

Jeremy M. Rodgers
Chair

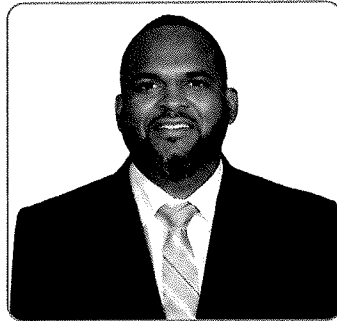
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cc: Claims for Collection, Department of Financial Services



Dr. Howard Jones

— *In Loving Memory* — 



Dr. Howard Jones

Vice Chair & Secretary, Emeritus

—  Forever a Part of Our Healing Arts Family —

 IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Howard Jones served Healing Arts with dedication, wisdom, and compassion. His leadership and commitment helped shape our organization and the community we serve.

Although he is no longer with us, his legacy remains an enduring part of Healing Arts Institute.

 **Remembering Dr. Howard Jones**

[View his bio and tribute](#)

In Loving Memory

Dr. Howard Fitzpatrick Jones

March 17, 1978 – March 30, 2026

Vice Chair & Secretary, Healing Arts Institute

Forever a Part of Our Healing Arts Family

Dr. Howard Fitzpatrick Jones, affectionately known as “**Hojo**,” was more than a valued member of the Healing Arts Institute Board of Directors.

He was a man of faith, a devoted husband and father, a dedicated educator, mentor, leader, and friend whose life was rooted in service, compassion, and love.

For more than 24 years, Dr. Jones dedicated his life to education, serving within the Broward County School system and later as a professor at Florida Atlantic University. His influence reached far beyond the classroom. He believed in the potential of others, encouraged young people to pursue their purpose, and led with patience, wisdom, authenticity, and an unwavering commitment to helping others succeed.

That same spirit of service defined his leadership at **Healing Arts Institute**. As our **Vice Chair & Secretary**, Dr. Jones generously shared his knowledge, time, and heart with our organization. His presence strengthened our Board, and his commitment to service reflected the very principles upon which Healing Arts was built.

Dr. Jones was also a proud member of **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated**, carrying its principles of scholarship, leadership, service, and brotherhood throughout his life.

Above all, Howard loved his family. His devotion to his wife, children, and loved ones was evident in everything he did. He showed us that true leadership is not measured simply by titles or accomplishments, but by **how we love, how we serve, and what we leave in the hearts of others.**

Although Dr. Jones is no longer physically seated with us at the table, **his place in the Healing Arts family remains.** His wisdom, laughter, leadership, and compassionate spirit will continue to influence our work and remind us of the importance of serving others with purpose and love.

In his memory, we carry forward the words that so beautifully reflected the way he lived:

“Let all that you do be done in love.” — 1 Corinthians 16:14

Forever Loved. Forever Remembered. Forever Our Board Member.

Dr. Howard Fitzpatrick Jones

Vice Chair & Secretary, Emeritus

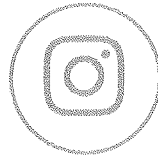
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