

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO: Members, Commission on Ethics

FROM: Kerrie Stillman
Executive Director



DATE: August 28, 2025

ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued one opinion at its July meeting. It has rendered 2,714 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION

President of Town Council Elizabeth A. Loper, elected official of the Town of Briny Breezes, et al. v. Lukis et. al., Case 1:24-cv-20604-JAL, (United States District Court Southern District of Florida).

Background

Plaintiffs are multiple elected municipal officers. They are challenging the validity of the requirement in Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, that municipal elected officials and mayors (and candidates for such offices) must file a CE Form 6 financial disclosure. Plaintiffs' argument is that requiring these types of officers and candidates to publicly disclose the information required on the CE Form 6 violates their First Amendment rights under the United States Constitution, as it is government-compelled, content-based, non-commercial speech. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that extending the requirements in Section 112.3144 to municipal elected officials and municipal candidates is unconstitutional, an injunction against enforcing this provision of the law, and legal costs and fees.

Commission Representation

William Stafford of the Office of the Attorney General is the lead attorney representing the Commission. Gray Schafer and Steven Zuilkowski will be the Commission's points of contact with lead counsel.

Current Status

Each side filed a Motion for Summary Judgment on October 11, 2024, and all related responses were filed by November 8, 2024. No argument on the motions has been scheduled. There have been no developments since the last report through August 26, 2025.

Town of Briny Breezes, Florida et al. v. Lukis et al., Case Number 2024 CA 000283, (Fla. 2nd Circ. Ct., Leon County)

Background

Plaintiffs are multiple municipalities and elected municipal officers. They are challenging the validity of the requirement in Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, that municipal elected officials and mayors (and candidates for such offices) must file a CE Form 6 financial disclosure. In essence, Plaintiffs' argument is that requiring municipal elected officials and municipal candidates to publicly disclose the information required on the CE Form 6 violates their right to privacy under Article II, Section 23 of the Florida Constitution. Plaintiffs claim there is no compelling state interest that would justify having these types of officers and candidates disclose that degree of the information, and, even if there was a compelling interest, requiring these officers and candidates to file a CE Form 6 is not the least restrictive means of accomplishing

that interest when the CE Form 1 is also available. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that extending the requirements in Section 112.3144 to municipal elected officials and municipal candidates is unconstitutional, an injunction against enforcing this provision of the law, and legal costs.

Commission Representation

William Stafford of the Office of the Attorney General is the lead attorney representing the Commission. Gray Schafer and Steven Zuilkowski are the Commission's points of contact with lead counsel.

Current Status

Defendants have filed a motion to dismiss and Plaintiffs have responded. We await an order on the motion. This case is on hold while the related federal case proceeds. There have been no developments since the last report through August 26, 2025.

Garcia et al. v. Stillman et al., USCA Case No. 23-12663 (11th Circuit Court of Appeals), and S.D. Fla. (1:22-CV-24156-BB)

Background

At the time the case was filed, Plaintiffs were local public officers challenging the In-Office Lobbying Ban found in Article II, Section 8(f)(2), Florida Constitution. The ban became law after the Constitutional Revision Commission proposed it in 2018 via Amendment 12, which passed with 79% of the vote. The District Court entered final judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs, finding that Article II, Section 8(f)(2), was an unconstitutional abridgment of free speech. On August 9, 2023, the District Court entered final judgment enjoining the Commission from enforcing the provision on any public officer in the State. Defendants appealed to the 11th Circuit.

Commission Representation

Nate Forrester of the Office of the Solicitor General is representing Defendants in the appeal. All briefs are filed. Emily Witthoeft of the Office of the Attorney General represents the Commission before the District Court. Steven Zuilkowski is monitoring the appeal.

Current Status

On November 30, 2023, the 11th Circuit stayed the injunction pending a final adjudication of the appeal. The stay allows continued enforcement of the In-Office Lobbying Ban against all public officers except the one named Plaintiff who had standing to challenge the ban. All briefs have been filed and oral argument on the merits of the appeal occurred on February 24, 2025. The audio of that proceeding is available at this link:

https://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/oral_argument_recordings/23-12663_02262025.mp3 We now await the Court's ruling. There have been no developments since the last report through August 26, 2025.

Jeremy McBryan v. Florida Commission on Ethics, Case Nos. 1D2025-1144, (Fla. 1st DCA).

Background

On April 30, 2025, the Commission issued a default final order against Appellant for his failure to file his 2021 CE Form 1 timely. The final order imposed a \$1,500 penalty. On May 12, 2025, Appellant filed with the Commission an appeal of his automatic fine. The next day, May 13, 2025, Appellant filed an appeal of that final order with the First DCA. On the same day, he also filed with the Commission an appeal of his automatic fine. On July 7, 2025, the Commission voted to waive Appellant's financial disclosure fine and rescind the default final order that had been issued. The Commission filed a Status Report containing the waiver order with the Court on July 8, 2025, and filed an Unopposed Motion to Dismiss on July 9, 2025.

Commission Representation

Gray Schafer and Steven Zuilkowski are representing the Commission.

Current Status

On August 6, 2025, the Court granted the Motion to Dismiss. The matter is now closed.

Jonathan L. Owens v. State of Florida, Office of the Attorney General, Florida Commission on Ethics, and Division of Administrative Hearings, Case Number 2025 CA 001007, (Fla. 2nd Circ. Ct., Leon County)

Background

Plaintiff is the Respondent in Complaint No. 23-231, which, until recently, was about to be tried at DOAH by our Commission Advocate. On June 16, 2025, DOAH issued an order granting Plaintiff's/Respondent's emergency motion to stay the administrative proceedings. On June 18, 2025, the Commission and the other defendants in this case were served with the summons and verified complaint in this matter. The Plaintiff seeks a declaration that the ethics hearing at DOAH violates his First Amendment rights and that the Commission lacks jurisdiction to pursue any action against him for violating Section 112.313(8), F.S.

Commission Representation

James Waczewski of the Office of the Attorney General represents the Commission and the other defendants. Gray Schafer and Steven Zuilkowski are monitoring the case. Joseph Burns is the Commission Advocate representing the Commission at DOAH.

Current Status

As of August 26, 2025, Mr. Waczewski is preparing a motion to dismiss the complaint.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TRAINING

On August 14, Gray presented a 75-minute overview of the ethics laws via Zoom to Soil and Water District Supervisors.

On August 25, Amelia provided a one-hour ethics training for the Office of Attorney General's 2025 Lemon Law Arbitrator Training in Tampa.

FINANCES

As of July 31, 2025, we've spent \$338,441 (11.11% of our appropriation, with 8.33% of FY 2025-2026 gone).

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Copies of Executive Orders recently received from the Office of the Governor are attached to this report.

PENDING ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

GOVERNOR

Complaint No. 17-088, In re Cheryl Thomas-Hughes (Final Order 12/12/18)

Complaint No. 18-168, In re Dustin Daniels (Final Order 04/21/21)

Complaint No. 21-113, In re Dennis Ward (4-27-22)
Complaint No. 20-060,
20-073, 20-103(Cons.), In re Douglas Underhill (Final Order Upon DCA Mandate
4/30/2025)
Complaint No. 21-039 to 052, 21-057, 21-060, & 21-064 (Cons), In re Vanessa Baugh (2/1/2023)
Complaint No. 23-168, In re Henry Rosenthal (Final Order 4/19/2024)
Complaint No. 23-200, In re Michael Cusack (Final Order 4/19/2024)
Complaint No. 23-221, In re Ken Mascara (Final Order 7/31/2024)
Complaint No. 22-041, 22-115 (Cons.), In re Gregory Tony (3/7/2025)
Complaint No. 22-103, In re Michael Andrew White (3/7/2025)
Complaint No. 24-156, In re Bowen Kou (3/7/2025)
Complaint No. 24-172, 24-225 (Cons.), In re Lauro Diaz (3/7/2025)
Complaint No. 23-283, In re Angela McDonald (Final Order 4/25/2025)
Complaint No. 24-008, In re Kenneth Brenner (Final Order 4/25/2025)
Complaint No. 24-048, In re Ron Mueller (Final Order 4/25/2025)
Complaint No. 24-268, In re Annette Redman (6/6/2025)
Complaint No. 24-277, In re Tamara Goehler (6/6/2025)

HOUSE

Complaint No. 18-026, In re Kim Daniels (Final Order 1/30/2019)
Complaint No. 20-206, In re Jackie Toledo (Final Order 10/27/2021)
Complaint No. 20-211, In re Tracie Davis (Final Order 10/27/2021)
Complaint No. 21-159, In re Tracie Davis (Final Order 6/8/2022)

SENATE

Complaint No. 18-090, In re Daphne Campbell (Final Order 3/9/2022)

PENDING ACTION ON STATUTORILY-GENERATED LOBBYING FIRM AUDIT MATTERS (GOVERNOR AND CABINET)

Complaint No. 16-017, In re Dean Mead (Probable Cause 01/27/17)
Complaint No. 16-018, In re Buigas and Associates (Probable Cause 01/27/17)
Complaint No. 16-019, In re DDarling Consulting (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
Complaint No. 16-174, In re Kathy Till and Associates, Inc., (Probable Cause 08/02/17)
Complaint No. 16-170, In re Capitol Group, Inc., (Probable Cause 10/25/17)
Complaint No. 16-173, In re Johnson Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 12/13/17)
Complaint No. 16-175, In re Sayfie Law Firm (Probable Cause 10/25/17)
Complaint No. 17-132, In re Andrew J. Liles (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 17-134, In re Lester Abberger (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 17-135, In re Pruitt and Associates (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 17-136, In re Wilson and Associates, LLC (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 17-137, In re TC Wolfe (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
Complaint No. 19-031, In re Impact GR (Probable Cause 09/18/19)
Complaint No. 20-055, In re All Florida Solutions, Inc. (Probable Cause 03/10/21)
Complaint No. 20-056, In re Carr Allison (Probable Cause 03/10/21)

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Complaint No. 20-058, In re Pyle and Associates (Probable Cause 03/10/21)

Complaint No. 21-127, In re Diana Hadi Padgett (Probable Cause 12/3/21)

Complaint No. 21-128, In re CJT Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 12/3/21)

Complaint No. 22-074, In re Capitol Strategy Group (12/2/22)

Complaint No. 22-075, In re Buchanan, Ingersoll, and Rooney (12/2/22)



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August 4, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Aneala Beachum, Complaint No. 23-016

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-002 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500 against Aneala Beachum, who was a member of the Noma Town Council, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500 against Aneala Beachum as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-15. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bnm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Aneala Beachum

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-15

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Aneala Beachum and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-002, In re Aneala Beachum; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 24-002 are accepted.

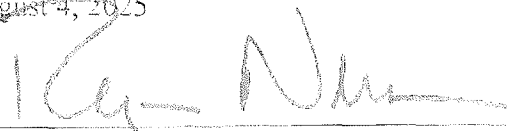
NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$2,500 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



GOVERNOR

DATE: August 4, 2025

By:



Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:



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The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Mark Cagni, Complaint No. 21-238

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-011 and has recommended that the Governor remove Mark Cagni, who was a board member of the Building/Flood Board of Adjustments and Appeals for the City of Clearwater, Florida, from public office. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-18.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/brum
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Cagni

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-18

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Mark Cagni was at all times material hereto a member of the Building/Flood Board of Adjustment and Appeals for the City of Clearwater, Florida, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 24-011, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Mark Cagni and therein found that Mark Cagni violated section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a 2018 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests"; and

WHEREAS, section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, provides that when the Florida Commission on Ethics "determines that [a] person willfully failed to file a statement of financial interests, the commission shall enter an order recommending that the officer or employee be removed from his or her public office or public employment"; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 24-011 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Mark Cagni violated section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a 2018 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests."

2. Mark Cagni no longer holds public office as a member of the Building/Flood Board of Adjustment and Appeals for the City of Clearwater, Florida.



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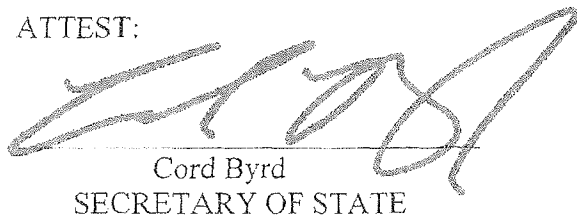
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The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
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Re: In re Angela Hough, Complaint No. 22-012

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-012 and has recommended that the Governor remove Angela Hough, who was a board member of the Mosquito Control District for the City of Moore Haven, Florida, from public office. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-17.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/brm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Angela Hough

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-17

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Angela Hough was at all times material hereto a board member of the Mosquito Control District for the City of Moore Haven, Florida, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 24-012, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Angela Hough and therein found that Angela Hough violated section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a 2018 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests"; and

WHEREAS, section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, provides that when the Florida Commission on Ethics "determines that [a] person willfully failed to file a statement of financial interests, the commission shall enter an order recommending that the officer or employee be removed from his or her public office or public employment"; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 24-012 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **RON DESANTIS**, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Angela Hough violated section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, by willfully failing to file a 2018 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests."

2. Angela Hough is hereby removed from public office as a board member of the Mosquito Control District for the City of Moore Haven, Florida.


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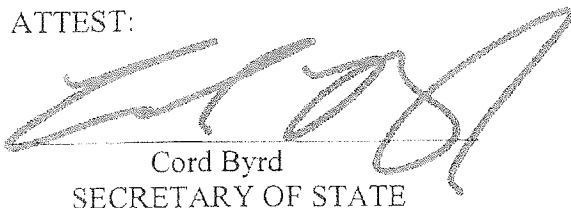
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August 4, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
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Re: In re Brian Mulligan, Complaint No. 21-101

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-009 and has recommended that the Governor impose a \$2,000 civil penalty against Brian Mulligan, a Battalion Chief for the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-20. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bnm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Michael Salnick, Attorney for Respondent

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-20

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Brian Mulligan and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-009, In re Brian Mulligan; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Final Order and Public Report No. 24-009 are accepted.

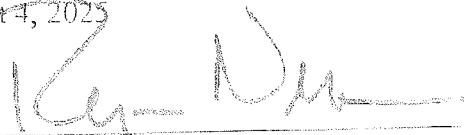
NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$2,000 civil penalty specified in the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 24-009. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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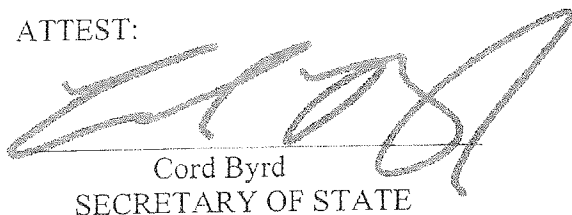
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Re: In re David Law, Complaint No. 23-094

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-003 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,250 against David Law, who was a Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the Coquina Water Control District Board, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,250 against David Law as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-16. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bnm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. David Law

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-16

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and David Law and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-003, In re David Law; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 24-003 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$4,250 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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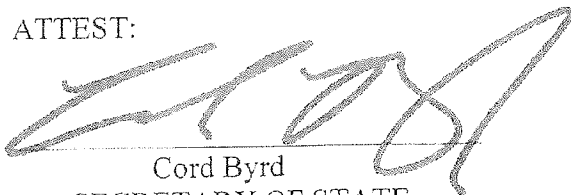
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The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
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Re: In re Stephanie Busin, Complaint Nos. 22-178 & 22-185 (consolidated)

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-010 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000 against Stephanie Busin, a School Board member for Hendry County, Florida, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has decided to impose no penalty in this matter, as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Stephanie Busin

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-19

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Busin was at all times material hereto a member of the Hendry County School Board, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 24-010 rendered on March 13, 2024, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Stephanie Busin and therein found that Stephanie Busin violated Article II, section 8(h)(2) of the Florida Constitution and section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by speaking to students about elections in her official capacity and distributing her campaign materials to them; and

WHEREAS, the factual findings of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 24-010 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution

and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order declaring that no penalty shall be imposed in this matter.




GOVERNOR

DATE: August 4, 2025

By:



Ryan D. Newman

GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
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Re: In re Christine Roberts, Complaint No. 18-203

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-030 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 against Christine Roberts, the Vice President of Convention Sales for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 against Christine Roberts as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-12. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Todd I. Stone, Attorney for Respondent

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-12

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Christine Roberts and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-030, In re Christine Roberts; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 23-030 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$1,500 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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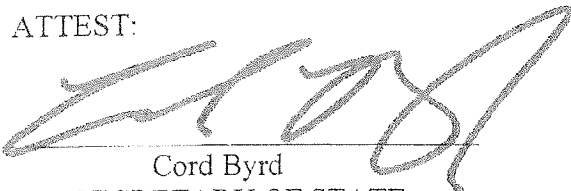
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Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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August 4, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Ernesto Torres, Complaint No. 22-027

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-031 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000 against Ernesto Torres, a former member of the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine Beach, Florida, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-13. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Ernesto Torres

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-13

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Ernesto Torres was at all times material hereto a member of the St. Augustine Beach City Commission, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Ernesto Torres and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-031; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 23-031, the Commission on Ethics found that Ernesto Torres violated Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, by abusing his public position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself or his wife, and violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using or attempting to use his public position to obtain a disproportionate benefit, and to secure favorable treatment for himself or his wife; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-031.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Ernesto Torres has violated Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, by abusing his public position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself or his wife, and violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using or attempting to use his public position to obtain a disproportionate benefit and to secure favorable treatment for himself or his wife.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000 for the violations of Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution and section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Ernesto Torres which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payments must be submitted with a written statement under oath by respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Ernesto Torres is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.


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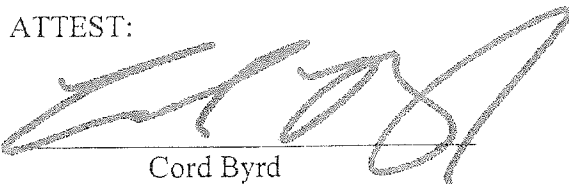
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August 4, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Frank Kruppenbacher, Complaint No. 19-007

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 24-001 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000 against Frank Kruppenbacher, who was the General Counsel for the Florida Virtual School, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000 against Frank Kruppenbacher as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-14. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bnm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent



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The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Leslie C. Ricciardelli, Complaint No. 23-108

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-027 and has recommended that the Governor impose a \$1,000 civil penalty against Leslie C. Ricciardelli, who is the Superintendent of Collier County Public Schools. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-11. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bnm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-11

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Pre-Probable Cause Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Leslie C. Ricciardelli and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-027, In re Leslie C. Ricciardelli; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-027 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$1,000 civil penalty specified in the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-027. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

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DATE: August 4, 2025

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GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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July 22, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re William Oppenheimer, Complaint No. 22-163

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-028 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 against William Oppenheimer, who was a write-in candidate for Collier County Commission. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-10. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. William Oppenheimer, Respondent

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-10

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and William Oppenheimer and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-028, In re William Oppenheimer; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Final Order and Public Report No. 23-028 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$1,500 civil penalty specified in the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-028. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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July 22, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Heather Post, Complaint No. 22-164

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-029 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Heather Post, who served as a former County Council Member for Volusia County, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Heather Post as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-09. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-09

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Heather Post and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-029, In re Heather Post; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 23-029 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$1,000 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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July 22, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
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Re: In re Oren Miller, Complaint No. 22-065

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-024 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000 against Oren Miller, who served as a member of the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners. The Governor imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 against Oren Miller as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-08. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bnm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-08

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Oren Miller and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-024, In re Oren Miller; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-024 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$1,500 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

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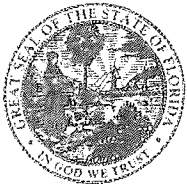
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The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Dennis McDonald, Complaint No. 16-062

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 19-116 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000 against Dennis McDonald, who was a former candidate for the Flagler County Commission and a former candidate for the Florida Senate and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Dennis McDonald as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-01. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Dennis McDonald

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-01

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has issued Final Order and Public Report No. 19-116, In re Dennis McDonald; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 19-116 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$1,000 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Carlos Beruff, Complaint No. 17-082

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-025 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 against Carlos Beruff, a member of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-03. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent
Mr. Brennan Donnelly, Attorney for Respondent

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-03

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-025, In re Carlos Beruff; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 22-025 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **RON DESANTIS**, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$500 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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July 22, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re R.C. "Rick" Lussy, Complaint No. 20-186

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-022 and has recommended that the Governor impose a \$5,000 civil penalty against R.C. "Rick" Lussy, a former candidate for Property Appraiser in Collier County, Florida and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000 as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-04. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Rick Lussy, Respondent

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-04

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-022, In re R.C. "Rick" Lussy; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 22-022 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$3,000 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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DATE: July 22, 2025

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July 22, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Melody Jurado, Complaint Nos. 19-100 through 19-120 (consolidated)

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-013 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 against Melody Jurado, the former Mayor of the City of Temple Terrace, Florida and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has decided to impose no penalty in this matter, as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-05.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Melody Jurado, Respondent

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-05

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

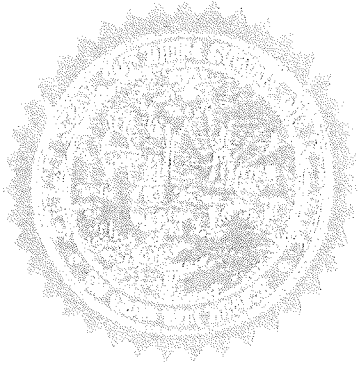
WHEREAS, Melody Jurado was at all times material hereto the Mayor of the City of Temple Terrace, Florida, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 23-013 rendered on June 14, 2023, the Commission on Ethics found that Melody Jurado violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by permitting, acquiescing to, or directing city staff to publish inaccurate or embellished educational credentials for her biography on the city's website; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-013.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order declaring that no penalty shall be

imposed in this matter.



Ron DeSantis
GOVERNOR

DATE: July 22, 2025

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July 22, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re John Capps, Complaint No. 22-024

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-014 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000 against John Capps, who served as an Orange County Firefighter; that he be publicly censured and reprimanded; and that he to pay restitution to the Orange County Fire Rescue Department in the amount of \$195.21. The Governor has required John Capps to pay restitution to the Orange County Rescue Department in the amount of \$195.21 as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-06. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to ensure compliance with the Executive Order. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. John Capps

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-06

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-014, In re John Capps; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 23-014 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby requiring John Capps to pay restitution to the Orange County Fire Rescue Department in the amount of \$195.21. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: July 22, 2025

By:

Ryan D. Newman

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GENERAL COUNSEL

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July 22, 2025

The Honorable James Uthmeier
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The Capitol, PL 01
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Re: In re Eddie Martinez, Complaint No. 21-229

Dear Attorney General Uthmeier:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-026 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000 against Eddie Martinez, who served as a member of the Monroe County Commission, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has imposed a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000 against Eddie Martinez as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2025E-07. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Eddie Martinez

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TALLAHASSEE, FL
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STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2025E-07

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-026, In re Eddie Martinez; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 23-026 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$3,000 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: July 22, 2025

By:

Ryan D. Newman

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GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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