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COMMISSION ON ETHICS

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re EDDIE MARTINEZ,	)	
	)	Complaint No. 21-229
Respondent.	)	
	)	

ORDER FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE

Based on the preliminary investigation of the complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds that there is probable cause to believe the Respondent, while serving as a member of the Monroe County Commission, violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate 2020 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests."

Therefore, the Commission on Ethics orders a public hearing as to whether Respondent violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, as set forth above. A formal notice of hearing of the matter on which probable cause has been found will be prepared and sent to the Respondent and the Advocate.

In addition, the Commission finds, based on the preliminary investigation of the complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, that there is no probable cause to believe the Respondent violated Section 112.3142(2), Florida Statutes, by failing to complete the Ethics Training for his public position. Thus, the allegations of this paragraph will not be at issue in any hearing held in this matter.

Under Commission Rule 34-5.020, F.A.C., the Commission may resolve a complaint proceeding through a stipulation, settlement, or consent order entered into by the Respondent and the Commission's Advocate and approved by the Commission. If the Respondent wishes to pursue

a settlement of this case, he should contact the Commission's Advocate at (850) 414-3300 to discuss the terms of a possible settlement.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session on Friday, June 3, 2022.

June 8, 2022
Date

John Grant
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

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cc: Mr. Eddie Martinez, Respondent
Ms. Melody Hadley, Commission Advocate
Mr. Jeffrey L. Johnson, Complainant