## BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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In re JEREMY McBRYAN,

Appellant.

Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 22-064 Final Order No.

#### FINAL ORDER RESCINDING FINE

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, on its own motion, meeting in public session on July 7, 2025, in the matter of Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes), which assesses an automatic fine of \$25 per day on a person who fails to timely file a required CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. The Commission may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown, based on "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file by the designated date. There are no matters in dispute. Appellant did not request a hearing before the Commission.

## Findings of Fact

1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as the Water Resources Manager for Palm Beach County, a position requiring the filing of a CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year 2021. In 2022, the designated due date for submitting a 2021 CE Form 1 annual filing was July 1, 2022, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2022.

2. Information provided by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections indicates the Supervisor's Office sent Appellant a 2021 CE Form 1 no later than June 1, 2022.

3. Information provided by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections indicates the Supervisor's Office then sent Appellant a Notice of Delinquency by certified mail. This Notice

was sent to Appellant at 301 N Olive Ave Fl 11, West Palm Beach, Florida—which is the address for a Palm Beach County government building<sup>1</sup>—and was delivered on August 1, 2022. Records from the United States Postal Service indicate someone other than Appellant signed for the certified mailing.

4. On August 18, 2022, the Commission mailed Appellant a postcard intended to remind him of his obligation to file the 2021 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the 301 N Olive Ave Fl 11 address.

5. Commission records indicate that, several weeks later, on September 8, 2022, the County Administrator called the Commission to state the County had received the postcard, but Appellant was no longer employed there. In a subsequent email to the Commission, the County clarified Appellant left public employment on March 11, 2022.

6. On September 13, 2022, the Commission sent Appellant a courtesy notice that fines were beginning to accrue as his 2021 CE Form 1 had not been received. The courtesy notice was sent to the 301 N Olive Ave Fl 11 address.

7. The Commission sent Appellant a Notice of Assessment of his Automatic Fine on November 16, 2023. The Notice was sent to Appellant at the 301 N Olive Ave Fl 11 address. It indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine, and included a notice of the right to appeal the fine, stating that the appeal had to be received by the Commission by December 18, 2023, to be considered timely.

8. The total amount of the automatic fine levied against Appellant was \$1,500.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The address is listed on the County's website as belonging to the Robert Weisman Governmental Center. See https://discover.pbc.gov/pages/contact-us.aspx

9. Records from the United States Postal Service indicate the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was delivered on November 20, 2023, and was signed for by someone other than Appellant. The Notice was then returned to the Commission.

10. On March 5, 2023, following the expiration of the appeal period, a second and final Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was sent to Appellant. The Notice was again sent to the 301 N Olive Ave FL 11 address.

11. Subsequently, on April 30, 2025, the Commission entered a default final order imposing the \$1,500 fine.

12. On May 12, 2025, the Commission received an appeal from Appellant. In the appeal—which lists 137 Gregory Road, West Palm Beach, Florida, as Appellant's mailing address—as well as in subsequent correspondence received by the Commission, Appellant indicates he did not receive timely notice of his filing obligation as he left County employment on March 11, 2022, and all notices were sent after that date to a County office address. Appellant includes with his appeal the letter of resignation that he submitted to the County prior to that date. Appellant claims no one from the County contacted him or forwarded any mail to him until a County sent him the default final order. Appellant claims he received the default final order on May 12, 2025, which is the same date that he filed the appeal.<sup>2</sup>

13. Appellant submitted his 2021 CE Form 1 to the Commission—which accepted it on behalf of the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections—on May 15, 2024. The Form lists his mailing address as 137 Gregory Road, West Palm Beach, Florida.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In additional documents sent to the Commission, Appellant includes a letter from the Senior Human Resources Technician at the County confirming he left public employment on March 11, 2022.

#### Conclusions of Law

14. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

15. Financial disclosure is required of public officials and employees because it enables

the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government.

16. Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)2., Florida Statutes), states:

Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address.

17. Appellant was notified of his appellate rights on November 16, 2023, and informed that his appeal needed to be received by the Commission on or before December 18, 2023, in accordance with the 30-day appeal period allowed by Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes. Appellant did not timely file an appeal. Appellant then brought his appeal on May 14, 2025, which was outside the 30-day window.

18. "An elementary and fundamental requirement of due process in any proceeding which is to be accorded finality is notice reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and to afford them an opportunity to present their objections." <u>Mullane v. Cen. Hanover Bank</u>, 339 U.S. 306, 314, 70 S.Ct. 652, 94 L.Eed. 865 (1950).

19. Appellant was provided notice of his appellate rights and of his opportunity to be heard, and did not timely file an appeal. However, it appears Appellant did not timely receive the notice of his appellate rights sent on November 16, 2023. The certified notice was sent to his former work address at the County, but information provided to the Commission indicates he left County employment on March 11, 2022, and Appellant states the County did not forward any mail to him. Moreover, records from the United States Postal Service indicate an individual other than Appellant signed for the certified notice and it was ultimately returned to the Commission. As such, there is no evidence, in this particular case, that Appellant personally received notice of his appellate rights before the expiration of the 30-day appeal period. For this reason, his appeal is accepted as timely filed.

20. Turning to the merits of Appellants' appeal, he claims he did not receive timely notice of his filing obligation as all mailings were sent to an incorrect address. There is no evidence to dispute Appellant's claim that he failed to receive timely notice. There were three mailings sent to Appellant prior to the expiration of the grace period, two sent by the Supervisor of Elections and one sent by the Commission. Each of the notices were sent to the same address—301 N Olive Ave Fl 11, West Palm Beach, Florida—which is an address for a County office building. One of the mailings sent by the Supervisor of Elections was sent certified, but was signed for by an individual other than Appellant. And once the County received the mailing sent by the Commission and indicated Appellant had left public employment on March 11, 2022, which would have been prior to any of the notices being sent. Appellant has since updated the Commission with a new mailing

address. Considering Appellant's claim of lack of notice, and that there is no evidence showing otherwise, there are "unusual circumstance" here that justify waiving the \$1,500 fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby rescinds the

Default Final Order entered on April 30, 2025, and waives the assessed fine of \$1,500.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on

Friday, July 7, 2025.

Date Rendered

Luis M. Fusté Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 120.68, AND SECTION 112.3241, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110 FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, AT EITHER 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303 OR P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709; AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ATTACHED TO WHICH IS A CONFORMED COPY OF THE ORDER DESIGNATED IN THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

LMF: gps

Mr. Jeremy McBryan 137 Gregory Road West Palm Beach, FL 33405

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## **APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2021**

**DIRECTIONS:** The information you provide in this form is critical for processing your appeal in a timely manner.

In Part A, please provide current contact information. If your contact information changes while your appeal is being processed, please notify us.

In Part B, please check any boxes that specify the general reason(s) for your appeal.

In Part C, please explain in detail the reason(s) for your appeal. In addition to your written explanation in Part C, you may attach any documents that support your appeal. **IMPORTANT:** TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL, THIS FORM OR OTHER WRITTEN APPEAL (AND ANY ATTACHMENTS) MUST BE FILED WITH (RECEIVED BY) THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE WAS MAILED TO YOU.

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mailing Address:	Commission on Ethics
-	P.O. Drawer 15709
	Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Physical Address:	Commission on Ethics 325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303
Fax:	(850) 488-3077
Email:	disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

# **PART A: YOUR INFORMATION**

Name: Jeremy McBryan			
Address: 137 Gregory Road	_City: West Palm Beach	State:	_Zip: <u>33405</u>
Daytime Tel.: 561-319-4995	Cell: 561-319-4995		
Email: jmcbryan@gmail.com	Filer ID# (if know	wn):	
Public Employer: Palm Beach County			
Public Position: County Water Resources Mana	ager		

**CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE** 

# PART B: GENERAL REASON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL

Please choose any/all reasons that apply to your appeal.

I hereby appeal the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine on the following basis:

a. [] **Sickness or injury** (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of illness or injury)

b. [ **J** Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that you never received certified mail delinquency notice: for example, incorrect address; misdelivered mail; change in employment; extended absence from home, etc.)

c. [] **Claim of timely filing of financial disclosure** (Explain in Part C and provide copy of certified mail receipt and/or copy of completed form which had been previously filed, along with a sworn notarized statement that you filed prior to the deadline)

d. [] Left public position prior to December 31, 2021 (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2021)

e. [] Other unusual circumstance (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing prior to deadline)

f. [] **Not required to file** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports reason for not required to file)

# PART C: DETAILED EXPLANATION OF YOUR APPEAL

Please provide a detailed explanation of your appeal, including why each option you selected in Part B is applicable to you. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages.

My last day of employment with Palm Beach County was March 11, 2022 (see attached). In contrast to the

Findings of Fact on the default final order, Palm Beach County made no attempt to contact me regarding the

requested information via phone, email or mail at addresses that Palm Beach County has on file. I never

received written notice from the Commission on Ethics until a Palm Beach County employee sent me the

default final order (dated April 25, 2025) on May 12, 2025.

# **OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING**

[] In addition to this written appeal, I specifically request to appear before the Commission in a hearing pursuant to Section 112.3144(8)(f)3 or Section 112.3145(8)(g)3, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee.

# SIGNATURE

I have received and read the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine and its instructions on How to Appeal and I understand my options. I am requesting disposition of this matter as indicated.

May 15, 2025

DATE

-Milly-SIGNATURE

February 25, 2022

Patrick Rutter Assistant County Administrator Palm Beach County 301 North Olive Ave, 11th Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Patrick,

Please accept this letter as notification of my resignation from my position as County Water Resources Manager at Palm Beach County. My last day will be March 11, 2022.

I am committed to fulfilling all job duties and transitioning my responsibilities prior to my separation from the County.

After March 11, I can be reached at imcbryan@gmail.com and 561-319-4995.

Sincerely,

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Jeremy McBryan

# Florida Commission on Ethics Financial Disclosure Notification System Delinquency Certification (2022)

I Wendy Sartory Link, the Supervisor of Elections of Palm Beach County, hereby certify that each person whose ID number, name, agency, and position appears above or on the attached list:

(1) was sent a notice of the July 1, 2022 financial disclosure deadline and a blank Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, not later than June 1, 2022;

(2) was determined to be delinquent in filing a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, by July 1, 2022;

(3) was sent a delinquency notice by certified mail not later than August 1, 2022 advising him or her of the grace period in effect until September 1, 2022; and of the penalties that could be imposed as provided in Section 112.3145(8)(c). Florida Statutes; and

(4) did not file a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, until the date shown or, had not filed a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests by October 31, 2022; and further

(5) that the date of filing shown is based upon the earliest of the following:

(a) when the Form 1 was actually received by my office;

(b) when the Form 1 was postmarked;

(c) when the certificate of mailing (if any) was dated; or

(d) when the receipt (if any) from an established courier company was dated.

Signed

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September 13, 2022

Jeremy McBryan - 277204 County Water Resources Manager Palm Beach County Employees 301 N Olive Ave Fl 11 West Palm Bch FL 33401 -4700

RE: Financial Disclosure (Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests -- 2021)

Earlier this year, you were noticed of your obligation to file a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year ending December 31, 2021. The grace period for filing expired on September 1, 2022 and according to records in our office you have not filed Form 1. I am writing to advise you, that pursuant to State law, an automatic fine of \$25.00 per day for each day late (\$1,500 maximum fine) is being assessed against you for your failure to timely file Form 1. Please file the form as soon as possible with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections.

Sincerely, Kynie Jokelmar

Kerrie J. Stillman Executive Director

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

PID#: 277204

### In re Jeremy McBryan County Water Resources Manager Employees Palm Beach County

## NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE

The Commission on Ethics hereby gives notice of an assessment of a fine against you pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2021 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2021 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2022. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2022. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, up to the maximum fine of \$1,500.00 (60 days late), pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2021 CE Form 1 has not been filed with the Supervisor of Elections for Palm Beach County within the 60 days of the grace period date (September 1, 2022), you have accrued the maximum fine amount of \$1,500.00. This fine must be paid to the Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date of this notice unless you appeal the fine to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to consider the appeal and waive the fine in whole or in part if your failure to file on time was due to "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file. Unless the fine is successfully appealed, the Commission is required to investigate public officers and employees who receive the maximum \$1,500 fine, to determine whether their failure to file was willful. The penalty for willfully failing to file disclosure is removal from public office or employment.

#### HOW TO APPEAL

- 1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
- 2. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(8)(f)2., Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
- 3. FORMAT: Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to <u>Florida Commission on Ethics, P. O. Drawer</u> <u>15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709</u>, or delivered to <u>Florida Commission on Ethics, 325 John Knox Road</u>, <u>Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303</u>. The appeal may take the form of a letter or you may use the appeal form included in this mailing. The appeal form also is available at the Commission's website: <u>www.ethics.state.fl.us</u>. Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
- 4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be <u>received</u> by the Commission on Ethics on or before <u>December 18</u>, <u>2023</u>. <u>NOTE</u>: Failure to timely file an appeal will constitute a waiver of your right to appeal and will result in the entry of a default order against you.
- 5. UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES: An appeal must demonstrate that you submitted your CE Form 1 after the extended due date because of "unusual circumstances." "Unusual circumstances" is defined in Commission Rule 34-8.215(4), Florida Administrative Code, as "uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements." Therefore, circumstances that allowed for time to take steps necessary to file on time do not constitute "unusual circumstances" that will allow the Commission to waive the fine. You have the burden to establish "unusual circumstances." Your appeal must specifically state the circumstances that led to your not filing by September 1, 2022, and <u>must include any documentation or evidence</u> supporting your appeal, such as:
  - a. SICKNESS/INJURY: a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;
  - b. LACK OF NOTICE (WRONG ADDRESS): documentation that you did not reside at the address to which notice was sent;

- c. LACK OF NOTICE (ABSENCE FROM HOME): documentation establishing the period of time of your absence covering the notification period;
- d. CLAIM OF TIMELY FILING OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: (1) an affidavit from you attesting under oath or affirmation that you filed your financial disclosure and your recollection of when and how you filed and (2) a copy of a certified mail receipt and/or a copy of the completed form which was filed. If you have witnesses to your filing, we also will need an affidavit from each witness. <u>NOTE</u>: A claim of having filed the CE Form 1F for the current year does not satisfy the CE Form 1 filing requirement or excuse a late filing;
- e. LEFT PUBLIC POSITION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021: confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2021; or
- f. UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL: if deliquency notice was addressed correctly but not received, you must explain why.
- 6. YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING: You have the right to have your appeal heard by the Commission and to appear before the Commission at the hearing, but, to exercise this right, you must specifically request a hearing in your appeal. If you do not request a hearing, you will waive your right to a hearing, the Commission will determine the outcome of your appeal based upon the written record (including the documentation you provide and any documentation in your case file), and you will receive no further notice until after the Commission decides your appeal.

#### FAILURE TO PAY FINE OR FILE APPEAL WITHIN 30 DAYS

If you do not timely file an appeal or pay the assessed fine within 30 days of this Notice, a default order will be entered against you and the Commission will take the steps provided by law to collect the fine, including:

- Referral to the CFO of the Department of Financial Services, if you are a salaried state officer or employee, for withholding of a portion of you salary until the fine is satisfied; or
- Referral to your agency's governing body for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied;
- Referral to a collection agency, which can seek garnishment of your wages; and/or
- An additional civil penalty, not limited by this automatic fine, may be imposed if your disclosure statement is filed more than 60 days late and a complaint is filed against you pursuant to Section 112.324, Florida Statutes.

Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

Jeremy McBryan 301 N Olive Ave Fl 11 West Palm Bch, FL 33401 -4700

by Certified Mail on this Thursday, November 16, 2023.

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KIMBERLY R. HOLMES Program Administrator

-or-

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#### FINAL NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE FORM 1, STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

TO: Jeremy McBryan 277204
Palm Beach County
Employees
FROM: Kimberly R. Holmes, Program Administrator
DATE: March 5, 2025

On November 16, 2023, we notified you that your Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year 2021 was not filed and that you therefore have been assessed the maximum fine, for a total fine of \$1500. At that time, you were advised that you had 30 days from the date that letter was transmitted in which to either pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Commission on Ethics.

It has been more than 30 days since we sent you that letter, and you have neither paid the fine nor filed an appeal. By not responding, you have waived your right to appeal the assessed fine.

If you do not pay the assessed fine by April 7, 2025 (30 days from the date of this letter) or contact our office to make arrangements for payment of the fine, the Commission on Ethics will enter an order setting your fine at \$1500 and will utilize all methods allowed by law to collect this fine including referral to a collection agency which can seek to garnish your wages.

#### **Certificate of Mailing:**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Final Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

Jeremy McBryan 277204 301 N Olive Ave Fl 11 West Palm Bch FL 33401 -4700

By United States Mail on this Wednesday, March 05, 2025.

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#### NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

TO: Jeremy McBryan 277204
 County Water Resources Manager
 Palm Beach County
 Employees
 FROM: Kimberly R. Holmes, Program Administrator

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DATE: April 30, 2025

Enclosed is an Order issued by the Commission on Ethics at its meeting on April 25, 2025.

If you do not pay the assessed fine by June 2, 2025 (30 days from the date of this letter) or contact our office to make arrangements to pay the fine in installments, the Commission will refer your fine to the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) and their contract collection agency—Transworld Systems Inc.—will undertake collecting the fine.

# This referral will increase the amount you owe by adding a service fee of 16% of the fine to the balance due, and may affect your credit rating.

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Enclosures

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

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In re Jeremy McBryan,

2021 CE Form 1

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ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on

April 25, 2025.

LUIS M. CHAIR FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW 112.3241 120.68, FLORIDA UNDER SECTIONS AND STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110, FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, BY U.S. MAIL AT P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709 (OR BY DELIVERY TO 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303); AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

Copy Furnished to:

Jeremy McBryan 301 N Olive Ave Fl 11 West Palm Bch FL 33401 -4700

LMF/kh

cc: Yvonne Wamsley

## Holmes, Kim

From:	Jeremy McBryan <jmcbryan@gmail.com></jmcbryan@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, May 15, 2025 12:54 PM
Cc:	COE-Disclosure
Subject:	Re: Notice of Administrative Appeal - Jeremy McBryan
Attachments:	McBryan_2021_Form1.pdf

Ms. Holmes, as we discussed yesterday, attached is a completed and signed 2021 Form 1.

As my notice of administrative appeal describes, I never received any correspondence from the Florida Commission on Ethics related to the 2021 Form 1.

And as you confirmed yesterday when we spoke, your records indicate that all correspondence sent to me from Florida Commission on Ethics was sent to my former office location at Palm Beach County (401 North Olive Ave, Floor 11, West Palm Beach, FL 33405), which I did not have access to after March 11, 2022, which was my last day of employment at Palm Beach County.

Unfortunately, no one at Palm Beach County contacted me or forwarded any mail to me, despite the County having my home address, personal email address, and phone number on file.

Please contact me if you need anything else.

I look forward to a timely resolution to this matter.

Sincerely, Jeremy McBryan 561-319-4995

On Wed, May 14, 2025 at 12:14 PM Jeremy McBryan <<u>jmcbryan@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Ms. Fulford and Ms. Holmes,

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The Court of Appeals Case Number is 1D2025-1144.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jeremy McBryan 561-319-4995

FORM 1	STATEM	ENT OF		2021		
Please print or type your name, mailing address, agency name, and position below:	FINANCIAL	INTERESTS	Γ	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:		
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE						
McBryan Jeremy Christia		PID 2	77204			
MAILING ADDRESS : 137 Gregory Rd						
			Proce.	ssed by COE		
CITY :	ZIP : COUNTY :		5-15-2	2024		
West Palm Beach 3	3405 Palm Bea	ch				
NAME OF AGENCY : Palm Beach County						
NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD	OR SOUGHT :	ANNELORMAN THATACTURE OF BUILDING CONTRACTOR				
County Water Resources Manag	ger	*****				
CHECK ONLY IF	DR 🔲 NEW EMPLOYEE OR	APPOINTEE				
DISCLOSURE PERIOD: THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOU	THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.					
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Palm Beach County	301 N. Olive Ave, We	st Palm Beach, FL	County government			
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			this f	RUCTIONS on who must file orm and how to fill it out on page 3.		

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY [Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a") TYPE OF INTANGIBLE   BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES				
See Attachment 1				
PART E — LIABILITIES [Major debts - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")				
NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR			
Caliber Home Loans, Inc. PO Box 619	063, Dallas, TX 75261-9063			
PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES [Ownership or po (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a") BUS	sitions in certain types of businesses - See instructions) NESS ENTITY # 1 BUSINESS ENTITY # 2			
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	N/A			
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY				
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY				
1 OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS				
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST				
Stephense I	ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE			
SIGNATURE OF FILER:	CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY			
Signature:	If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or			
9-M.B	she must complete the following statement: I,, prepared the CE Form 1 in accordance with Section 112.3145. Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct. CPA/Attorney Signature:			
Date Signed:				
5-15-2025				
	Date Signed:			
FILING INSTRUCTIONS:				
If you were mailed the form by the Commission on Ethics or a County Supervisor of Elections for your annual disclosure filing, return the form to that location. To determine what category your position falls under, see page 3 of instructions.	MULTIPLE FUING UNNECESSARY. A candidate who files a Form			
Local officers/employees file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside. (If you do no permanently reside in Florida, file with the Supervisor of the county where your agency has its headquarters.) Form 1 filers who file with the Supervisor of Elections may file by mail or email. Contact you Supervisor of Elections for the mailing address or email address to use. Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics, it will be	and specified state employee must file within 30 days of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.			
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32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303. To file with the Commission by email, scar your completed form and any attachments as a pdf (do not use any other format), send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us and retain a cop for your records. <u>Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one</u> filing method. Form 6s will not be accepted via email.	<ul> <li>Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 17 if the filer was in his or becoming on December 31, 2021.</li> </ul>			

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CE FORM 1 - Effective: January 1, 2022. Incorporated by reference in Rule 34-8.202(1). F.A.C.

## Attachment 1 2021 Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests Part D for Jeremy McBryan

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TYPE OF INTANGIBLE	BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES
Mutual Funds within Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)	Fidelity
Florida Prepaid College Fund	Florida Prepaid
Checking and Savings Accounts	Truist
457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan	Nationwide
401(a) Retirement Account	Florida Retirement System

Form Year 2021 Filed Forms						
FORM TYPE	DATE SUBMITTED	FORM SIGNED	FILED BY EMAIL?	UPDATED BY	COMMENTS	
Form 1	05/15/2025	Yes	Yes	Emily Prine	Received by COE on behalf of Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections	

#### Fine Year 2022 Fine Information

FINE BALANCE	STATUS	FINE DATE	ORIGINAL FINE AMOUNT	ADJUSTED FINE AMOUNT	LAST PAYMENT DATE	PAYMENT PLAN START DATE	PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT	TOTAL PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT DUE
\$1,500.00	Appeal	10/12/2023	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00				
Fine Address: 137 GREGORY ROAD, West Palm Bch, FL 33405 Email: jmcbryan@gmail.com Org/Suborg: Palm Beach County - Employees								

## Fine Year 2022 Appeal Information

2022 FINE APPEAL - FD 22-064	No Hearing Scheduled
APPEAL STATUS	Active
APPEAL RECEIPT DATE	05/14/2025
APPEAL TIMELY FILED	No
PRINT APPEAL LETTER	
HEARING REQUESTED	No
APPEAL REASON	Lack of Notification
APPEAL NOTES	
APPEAL NUMBER	FD 22-064
APPEAL ANALYST ASSIGNED	
FINAL ORDER NUMBER	
FINAL ORDER DATE	

#### Fine Year 2022 Payment Information

DATE POSTED	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	METHOD	PAYMENT ID	COMMENT
10/12/2023	Fine Levied	+\$1,500.00			Fined \$1500.00

Current Balance: \$1,500.00

# Fine Year 2022 Event Chronology

ine Year 2022 Event Chronology			ADDRESS/EMAIL	REFERENCE	
DATE	ТҮРЕ	DESCRIPTION	301 N Olive Ave Fl 11, West Palm Bch,	KimberlyHolmes	
	Filer Correspondence: Letter	Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing	FL 33401-4700 UNKNOWN@email.com	Journal: <u>Fine_Palm</u> Beach_2023-10-12-	
10/12/2023	Fine Levied	Fined \$1500.00		02:18 Journal:	
11/13/2023	Notice of Assessed Fine	Initial Fine Notice		Fine1st 2023-11- 13-12:53 Correspondence Queue: 2023-11-16	
11/16/2023	Filer Correspondence Letter	Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter	301 N Olive Ave FI 11, West Palm Bch, FL 33401-4700 UNKNOWN@email.com	00:00:00 Correspondence Sent: 2023-11-16 00:00:00.0000000	
12/05/2023	Filer Communication	Certified Notice of Fine returned by USPS.		Jeremy Pennington Journal:	
02/17/2025	Other Final Notice of Assessed	2nd Fine Notice		Fine2nd_2025-02- 17-12:31 Correspondence	
03/05/2025	Fine Filer Correspondene Letter	Final Notice of Assessed Fine - <sup>ce:</sup> Second Fine Notice	301 N Olive Ave Fl 11, West Palm Bch, FL 33401-4700 UNKNOWN@email.com	Queue: <u>2025-03-05</u> <u>00:00:00</u> Correspondence Sent: 2025-03-05 00:00:00.00000000	
04/09/2025	Collection Orders	Collection Order Notice		Journal: CollectOrd_2025 04-09-04:50	
05/14/2025		FD 22-064	137 GREGORY ROAD, West Palm Bc FL 33405 jmcbryan@gmail.com	Appeal 2025-05	
05/14/202	Filer Corresponde	nce: Fine Appeal Received	jmcbryan@gmail.com	Correspondence Queue: <u>2025-05-14</u> <u>13:09:13</u> Correspondence Sent: 2025-05-14 13:09:12.9650138	

REFERENCE

From: EthicsFDMSInfo@mail.disclosure.floridaethics.gov Sent: 5/14/2025 1:09:12 PM To:jmcbryan@gmail.com Subject: Fine Appeal Received Luis M. FustØ *Chair* Tina Descovich *Vice Chair* Paul D. Bain Dr. James Bush, III Freddie Figgers Laird A. Lile Ashley Lukis Linda Stewart



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May 14, 2025

RE: In re Jeremy McBryan 277204, Financial Disclosure Appeal No .: FD 22-064

The Commission has received your appeal. We will send all subsequent correspondence in this matter to you at the email address on record and/or mailing address unless you notify us of a change in your address.

The following information is to help you understand the process your appeal will follow. Please note: If you are currently being investigated for willfully failing to file financial disclosure, your appeal may not be heard until that process is complete. If we received your appeal more than 30 days after we sent you the notice of your right to appeal, it may be denied on that basis. Otherwise, the following will apply:

Initially, Commission staff will review your appeal and any documentation you submitted. We may contact you for more information. A draft order will then be prepared and agendaed for a Commission meeting. The Commission meets approximately every six weeks. How soon your appeal will be heard depends on a number of things, including when it was received and the Commission's workload. If you requested a hearing before the Commission when you filed your appeal, you will be provided with a copy of the draft order and will be notified of the date and time at which your appeal will be heard. At this meeting, the Commission will rule on your appeal. A final order will be entered and provided to you, usually within a week of the Commission meeting. If the fine is not waived, we will consider flexible payment options.

If you have any questions about this appeal or the appeal process, please feel free to contact Kimberly R Holmes, Program Administrator, at (850) 488-7864.

Do not reply to this email as it is generated automatically and electronically and cannot accept electronic replies.

Florida Commission on Ethics 325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303

Created Date: 5/14/2025 Type: Email

#### Created By: Emily E Prine

Description: From: Jeremy McBryan jmcbryan@gmail.com Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:15 PM To: Fulford, Millie FULFORD.MILLIE@leg.state.fl.us Cc: COE-Disclosure disclosure@leg.state.fl.us Subject: Notice of Administrative Appeal Jeremy McBryan Ms. Fulford and Ms. Holmes, Please see the attached Notice of Administrative Appeal which was mailed to the Clerk of the Florida Commission on Ethics via certified mail and filed with Florida's 1st District Court of Appeals, both on May 13, 2025. The Court of Appeals Case Number is 1D2025-1144. I look forward to hearing from you. Jeremy McBryan 561-319-4995

Created Date: 5/12/2025 Type: Email Created By: Emily E Prine

Description: ATTACHMENT From: Jeremy McBryan jmcbryan@gmail.com Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 11:02 AM To: COE-Disclosure disclosure@leg.state.fl.us Subject: Appeal Jeremy McBryan Please see the attached Appeal Form. Jeremy McBryan 137 Gregory Road West Palm Beach, FL 33405 561-319-4995

Created Date: 3/5/2025 Type: Letter Created By: System Description: Final Notice of Assessed Fine - Second Fine Notice

Created Date: 12/5/2023 Type: Other Created By: Jeremy Clifton Pennington Description: Certified Notice of Fine returned by USPS.

Created Date: 11/16/2023 Type: Letter Created By: System Description: Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter

Created Date: 9/13/2022 Type: Letter Created By: System Description: Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing

Created Date: 9/9/2022 Type: Email Created By: Kimberly R Holmes **Description:** From: Sherry Moser <SMoser@pbcgov.org> Sent: Friday, September 09, 2022 9:54 AM To: Holmes, Kim <HOLMES.KIM@leg.state.fl.us> Subject: FW: Commission on Ethics

#### eremy McBryan Fine year 2022

#### Good morning Ms. Holmes,

We received a postcard concerning Jeremy McBryan s financial disclosure paperwork. This email is to inform you that Jeremy McBryan separated from Palm Beach County on March 11, 2022. New contact info: McBryan @ecosystempartners.com

Please update your records. Thank you.

Sherry Moser<sup>f</sup> Executive Assistant to

Reginald K. Durch Assistant County Administrator

Patrick W. Rutter, Assistant County Administrator

Palm Beach County Administration

Robert Weisman Governmental Center

301 M. Olive Avenual Suite (16).

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

561-355-3838 Fax 561-355-3982

smoser@pbegov.org

Created Date: 9/8/2022 Type: Phone Created By: admin system Description: I spoke with the

**Description:** I spoke with the County Admin. She called regarding the post card sent to Mr. McBryan. She stated he is no longer in his position, she said she would look up his term date and send it to Kim. I gave her Kim Holmes email address to advise he is no longer in the position, and if she had a current email and/or phone number to please provide to Kim along with his term date.

Created Date: 8/18/2022 Type: Postcard Created By: System Description: Courtesy Postcard Reminder - Courtesy Postcard Reminder

## Holmes, Kim

From:	Jeremy McBryan <jmcbryan@gmail.com></jmcbryan@gmail.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 14, 2025 12:15 PM
To:	Fulford, Millie
Cc:	COE-Disclosure
Subject:	Notice of Administrative Appeal - Jeremy McBryan
Attachments:	McBryan_Ethics_Appeal_Notice_13May2025.pdf
Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
Flag Status:	Flagged

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TO: CLERK FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS P.O. DRAWER 15709 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-5709 FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

MAY 1 4 2025

RECEIVED

FROM: JEREMY MCBRYAN 137 GREGORY ROAD WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33405

DATE: MAY 13, 2025

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL

I, Jeremy McBryan (herein Appellant), hereby appeal the decision rendered by the Commission on Ethics on April 25, 2025 and hereby appeal the subsequent Default Final Order (Attachment 1) signed on April 30, 2025 by Luis M. Fusté, Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics, concerning the fine imposed for failure to file the 2021 CE Form 1 by the designated due date and failure to file a timely appeal of the assessed fine.

Statement of Issues Supporting this Appeal

- Appellant's last day of employment with Palm Beach County was March 11, 2022 as documented in the employment verification letter from Palm Beach County dated May 12, 2025 (Attachment 2).
- Appellant did NOT receive a copy of the 2021 CE Form 1 from the Commission on Ethics by June 1, 2022, in contrast to what was stated in the Findings of Fact of the Default Final Order.
- Appellant was NOT contacted by the Commission on Ethics via phone, mail or email, in contrast to what was stated in the Findings of Fact of the Default Final Order.
- Appellant did NOT receive a notice of payment due advising of rights to appeal or dispute the fine from the Commission on Ethics, in contrast to what was stated in the Findings of Fact of Default Final Order.

Appellant requests that the above-referenced Commission on Ethics' decision be reversed, the Default Final Order be rescinded and all fines be waived.

Regards,

-M.B. -

Jeremy McBryan 561-319-4995

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL FOR JEREMY MCBRYAN MAY 13, 2025 Attachment 1

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#### NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

TO:Jeremy McBryan 277204<br/>County Water Resources Manager<br/>Palm Beach County<br/>EmployeesFROM:Kimberly R. Holmes, Program Administrator

Kimberger Holmen

DATE: April 30, 2025

Enclosed is an Order issued by the Commission on Ethics at its meeting on April 25, 2025.

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ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on

April 25, 2025.

Date Rendered LUIS M CHAIR

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW 112.3241 AND 120.68, FLORIDA SECTIONS UNDER STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110, FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, BY U.S. MAIL AT P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709 (OR BY DELIVERY TO 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303); AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE THE NOTICE OF DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

Copy Furnished to:

Jeremy McBryan 301 N Olive Ave Fl 11 West Palm Bch FL 33401 -4700

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cc: Yvonne Wamsley

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL FOR JEREMY MCBRYAN MAY 13, 2025 Attachment 2

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May 12, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to verify that **Jeremy C. McBryan** was an employee of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, working as a County Water Resources Manager, in the County Administration Department.

Mr. McBryan was a permanent full time employee from September 11, 2018 until March 11, 2022.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Deborah Brophy

Deborah Brophy Sr. Human Resources Technician Palm Beach County Compensation & Records 100 Australian Avenue Suite 300 West Palm Beach, FL. 33406 561-616-6874 - Phone 561-616-6894 - Fax



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# DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT 2000 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950 Telephone No. (850) 488-6151

June 16, 2025

Jeremy McBryan, Appellant(s) Case 1D2025-1144 L.T. No.: 2021 CE

v.

Florida Commission on Ethics, Appellee(s).

# **BY ORDER OF THE COURT:**

The Court grants in part Appellee's motion to relinquish jurisdiction filed May 20, 2025. For a period of thirty days, the lower tribunal shall have concurrent jurisdiction for the purposes of considering Appellant's request for a hearing pursuant to section 112.3145(8)(f)2, Florida Statutes. *See* Fla. R. App. P. 9.600(b). Within thirty days, Appellee shall file a status report concerning any action taken on Appellant's request for a hearing and attach a copy of any orders thereon.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true copy of the original court order.

Served: COE Agency Clerk Jeremy McBryan Grayden P Schafer Steven Zuilkowski

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