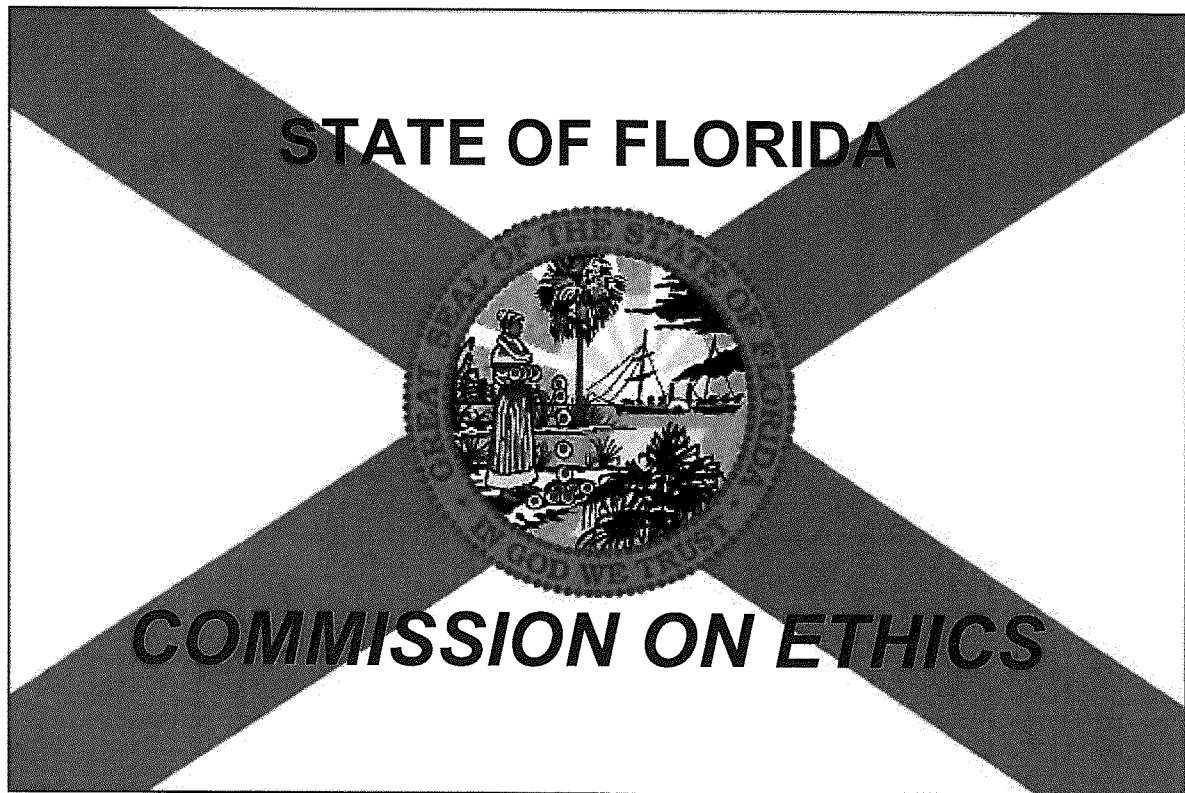


# **REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**



**Complaint Number 21-159**

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State Representative, District 13  
Jacksonville, Florida

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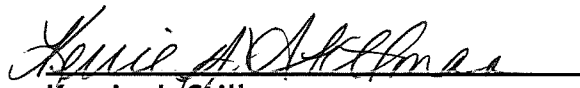
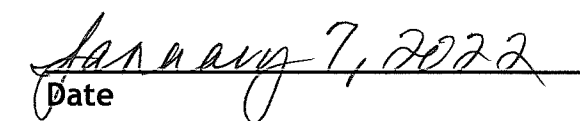
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Executive Director  
  
Date

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(1) The complaint in this matter was filed by David Hodges who alleges that Tracie Davis, while serving as State Representative, violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.

(2) The complaint concerns the filing of Representative Davis' 2020 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests." Mr. Hodges alleges that Representative Davis failed to disclose her net worth as of December 31, 2020, or a more recent date. According to Mr. Hodges, Representative Davis disclosed her net worth on her 2020 CE Form 6 as of July 1, 2020.

(3) The Executive Director of the Commission on Ethics noted that based upon the information provided in the complaint, the allegation was sufficient to warrant a preliminary investigation to determine whether the Respondent's actions violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution (Ethics in Government), and Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes (Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests).

(4) The instructions in "Part A – Net Worth" of the 2020 CE Form 6, inform the filer, "Please enter the value of your net worth as of December 31, 2020 or a more current date." Further, the instructions included with the Form 6 instruct the filer, "Report your net worth as of December 31, 2020, or a more current date, and list that date. This should be the same date used to value your assets and liabilities." As reflected in Representative Davis' 2020 CE Form 6, which is included as pages five and six of the complaint, in "Part A – Net Worth," Representative Davis entered the date, "July 1, 2020." This date is six months earlier than the earliest date that can be entered, December 31, 2020, in order to calculate net worth and value assets and liabilities for the year 2020.

(5) Representative Davis stated by telephone that she understands her net worth, assets and liabilities cannot be calculated prior to the end of the year. She said she simply made a scrivener's error when she completed the form, entering the year 2020 rather than 2021, which she did not realize until the complaint was filed. She stated that she plans to file a CE Form 6X, "Amendment to Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests," to correct her typographical error.

(6) As of the completion of this Report of Investigation, a 2020 CE Form 6X had not been submitted by Representative Davis.

**END OF REPORT OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION**