

Morgan R. Bentley

Chair

Edwin Scales, III

Vice Chair

Michelle Anchors

Matthew F. Carlucci

I. Martin Ford

Tom Freeman

Susan Horovitz Maurer

Linda McKee Robison

Stanley M. Weston



State of Florida
COMMISSION ON ETHICS
P.O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, Florida 32317-5709

325 John Knox Road
Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Virlindia Doss
Executive Director

C. Christopher Anderson, III
*General Counsel/
Deputy Executive Director*

(850) 488-7864 Phone

(850) 488-3077 (FAX)

www.ethics.state.fl.us

"A Public Office is a Public Trust"

October 30, 2013

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Re: Complaint No. 11-071, In re LEE GIANNINO

Dear Governor Scott:

The State of Florida Commission on Ethics has completed a full and final investigation of a complaint filed against Mr. Lee Giannino, formerly a member of the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority. Pursuant to Section 112.324(8), Florida Statutes, we are reporting our findings and recommending appropriate disciplinary action to you in this case.

Therefore, we are enclosing a copy of our file and the Final Order and Public Report in this matter. As we have found pursuant to a stipulation that Mr. Giannino violated Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, in the manner described in our Order, we recommend that you impose a civil penalty upon him in the amount of \$1,250, a penalty which he has agreed to pay.

If we may be of any assistance to you in your deliberations, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would appreciate your informing us of the manner in which you dispose of this matter. For information regarding the collection of this civil penalty, please contact the Office of the Attorney General, Ms. Diane L. Guillemette, Assistant Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Virlindia Doss".

VIRLINDIA DOSS
Executive Director

VAD/jcc

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Lee Giannino, Respondent
Ms. Diane L. Guillemette, Commission Advocate
Mr. Timothy "Chaz" Stevens, Complainant

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

DATE FILED

OCT 30 2013

COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re LEE GIANNINO,)

Respondent.)
_____)

Complaint No. 11-071

COE Final Order No. 13-128

FINAL ORDER AND PUBLIC REPORT

The State of Florida Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on Friday, October 25, 2013, adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law and Recommended Order entered into between the Advocate for the Commission and the Respondent in this matter. In accordance with the Stipulation, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, the Commission finds that the Respondent, as a member of the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority, violated Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by having a conflicting employment or contractual relationship when he served as president of a private company that leased office space from the Housing Authority.

For this violation, the Commission hereby recommends that the Respondent be ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,250.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on October 25, 2013.

October 30, 2013
Date Rendered

Morgan R Bentley
MORGAN R. BENTLEY
Chair

cc: Mr. Lee Giannino, Respondent
Ms. Diane L. Guillemette, Commission Advocate
Mr. Timothy "Chaz" Stevens, Complainant