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September 15, 2021

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Re: Complaint No. 16-130; In re: FRANTZ PIERRE

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Florida Commission on Ethics has completed a full and final investigation of a complaint involving Mr. Frantz Pierre, as a member of the City Council of the City of North Miami Beach. Pursuant to Section 112.324(8), Florida Statutes, we are reporting our findings and recommending appropriate disciplinary action to you in this case.

Enclosed are copies of our final order and of our file in this matter. As we have found pursuant to a stipulation that Mr. Pierre violated the Code of Ethics in the manner described by our order, we recommend that you publicly censure and reprimand him and impose a civil penalty upon him in the total amount of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars), penalties which he has agreed to be subjected to and 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 collection of the civil penalty, please contact the Office of the Attorney General, Ms. Elizabeth A. Miller, Assistant Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kerrie J. Stillman".
Kerrie J. Stillman
Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Benedict P. Kuehne and Mr. Mark Herron, Attorneys for Respondent
Ms. Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate
Ms. Stephanie Kienzle, Complainant

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re FRANTZ PIERRE,)	
)	Complaint No. 16-130
)	
Respondent.)	
)	
_____)	Final Order No. 21-022

FINAL ORDER AND PUBLIC REPORT

The State of Florida Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on September 10, 2021, adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order (Stipulation), 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 by reference, the Commission finds that the Respondent, who served as a member of the City Council of the City of North Miami Beach, violated Section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and/or accepting moneys, funds, value, or "loans" obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and/or Dean's Gold Club based upon an understanding that Respondent would be influenced in his official capacity; finds that the Respondent violated Section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting moneys, funds, values, or "loans" obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and/or Dean's Gold Club when he knew, or with the exercise of reasonable care, should have known that the things of value were given to influence him in his official capacity; and finds that the Respondent violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and/or accepting moneys, funds, value, or "loans" obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and/or Dean's Gold Cub and soliciting and/or

accepting contributions under the guise of a "turkey giveaway" and keeping all of or some of the money for himself.

Further, in accordance with the Stipulation, the Commission hereby dismisses Allegation VII, regarding the violation of Section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a statement with the Commission on Ethics for gift(s) valued in excess of \$100.

For these violations, in accordance with the Stipulation, the Commission hereby recommends that the Governor publicly censure and reprimand the Respondent and impose a civil penalty upon him in the total amount of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars), penalties which he has agreed to be subjected to and to pay.¹

¹ The civil penalty of \$1,000 total is comprised of a civil penalty of \$250 associated with Allegation I involving the Respondent's violation of Section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, a civil penalty of \$250 associated with Allegation II involving the Respondent's violation of Section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, and a civil penalty of \$500 associated with Allegation III involving the Respondent's violation of Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, as set forth in the Stipulation. Further, the Commission dismissed Allegation VII associated with the violation of Section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, as set forth in the Stipulation.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on
September 10, 2021.

September 15, 2021
Date Rendered



John Grant
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

JG/cmk

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