

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re MICHELE LAZAROW, )  
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 Respondent. )  
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Complaint No. 22-052

ORDER FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE

Based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds that there is probable cause to believe the Respondent, who serves as a member of the City Commission for the City of Hallandale Beach, violated Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, by failing to report a personal liability to a law firm on her 2019 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests."

Based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds there is probable cause to believe the Respondent violated Section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a "Quarterly Gift Disclosure" corresponding to a particular calendar quarter in 2019.

Based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds there is probable cause to believe the Respondent violated Section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a "Quarterly Gift Disclosure" corresponding to a particular calendar quarter in 2020.

Based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds there is probable cause to believe the

Respondent violated Section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a "Quarterly Gift Disclosure" corresponding to a particular calendar quarter in 2021.

However, regarding these four allegations, given the totality of the facts involved in this particular case, the Commission modifies the Advocate's Recommendation and will take no further action as to these allegations unless the Respondent requests a public hearing.

Pursuant to Section 112.324(3), Florida Statutes, the Respondent is given 14 days from the date of this order to request in writing a public hearing on the basis of which it will be determined whether the Respondent has violated Sections 112.3145 and/or 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes. If no request for a public hearing is received by the Commission or postmarked within 14 days of the date of this order, the Respondent will be deemed to have waived her right to a public hearing.

In addition, based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds that there is no probable cause to believe the Respondent violated Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, by failing to report a personal liability to a law firm on her 2020 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests," as alleged in this complaint. Therefore, the allegations of this paragraph will not be at issue in any hearing held in this matter.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session on October 21, 2022.

October 26, 2022  
Date

  
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John Grant  
*Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics*

cc: Ms. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent  
Ms. Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate  
Mr. Juan-Carlos Planas, Complainant