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COMMISSION ON ETHICS

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re LORI CUNNINGHAM, )  
 )  
 Respondent. )  
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Complaint No. 23-002

ORDER FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE

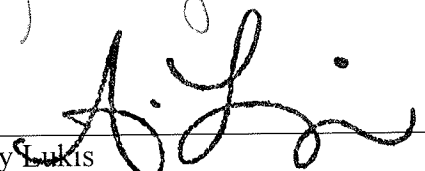
Based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the amended recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds that there is probable cause to believe the Respondent, while serving as a member of the Polk County School Board, violated Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by having conflicting employment that will create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between her private interests and the performance of her public duties and/or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of her public duties.

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 the statute as set forth above. 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, the Commission finds, based on the preliminary investigation of the complaint and on the amended recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, that there is no probable cause to believe the Respondent violated Section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes, by doing

business with her agency. Thus, the allegations of this paragraph will not be at issue at any hearing held in this matter.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session on January 26, 2024.

Date January 31, 2024  
  
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Ashley Lukis  
*Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics*

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cc: Mr. Robin Gibson, Attorney for Respondent  
Ms. Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate  
Mr. Billy Townsend, Complainant