

BEFORE THE COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

STATE OF COLORADO

Case No. 14-16

ORDER

KEVIN KING,

Complainant

v.

STEVEN A. KING,

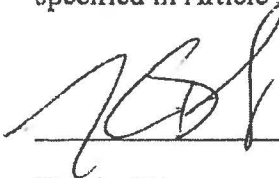
Respondent

UPON stipulation of the parties, the Independent Ethics Commission being fully advised in the matter enters the following Order:

1. The Independent Ethics Commission finds that there is a factual basis for adopting this stipulation as an order of the Commission.
2. Article XXIX of the Colorado Constitution (“Amendment 41”), Section 5(1), states that the Independent Ethics Commission “shall hear complaints, issue findings, and assess penalties...on ethics issues arising under this article and under any other standards of conduct and reporting requirements as provided by law.”
3. Section 2(1) of Article XXIX provides that a “government employee” includes an employee of “a state agency, a public institution of higher education, or any local government...” Section 2(2) indicates that “local government” includes a county.
4. At the time of the conduct in question, respondent was an employee of both a county (the Mesa County Sheriff’s office) and an institute of higher education (Colorado Mesa University). Respondent is thus subject to the jurisdiction of the Independent Ethics Commission.
5. At the time of the conduct in question, respondent was also serving in the Colorado General Assembly. Conduct relating to respondent’s role as a member of the Colorado legislature is not included in this stipulation.
6. Respondent was criminally charged in Mesa County (case no. 2014CR926). The charges related to allegations that respondent duplicated time he claimed to have worked on time cards submitted to Colorado Mesa University and the Mesa County Sheriff’s Office and received duplicate reimbursements for that time.

7. On January 23, 2015 respondent pled guilty to the charges of Embezzlement of Public Property and Official Misconduct. Respondent received a deferred sentence on the Embezzlement charge. As a result of his conviction, respondent is required to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,431.25 to CMU and \$2,431.25 to MCSO. Respondent was sentenced to two years of probation and eighty hours of community service. All other charges against respondent were dismissed.

8. By admitting to facts sufficient to prove the charges of Embezzlement of Public Property and Official Misconduct, respondent has admitted to a breach of public trust and fiduciary duty pursuant to C.R.S. §24-18-103, and as such has violated "other standards of conduct" as specified in Article XXIX of the Colorado Constitution.

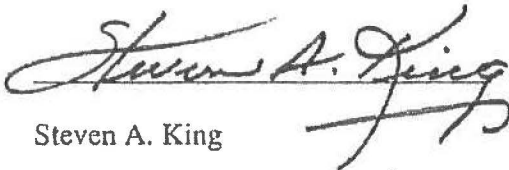


Kevin King,

Complainant

07/06/2015

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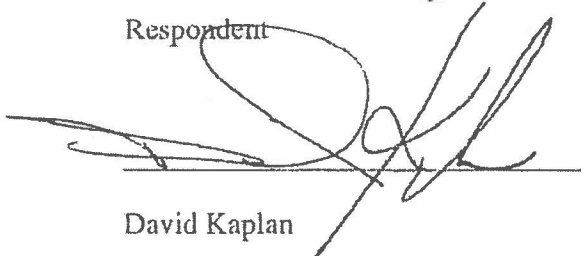


Steven A. King

Respondent

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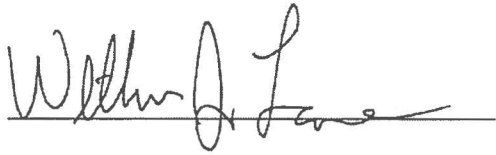
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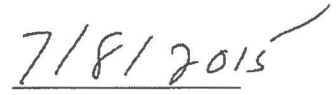
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Accepted as to form and so entered.

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Chair, Independent Ethics Commission

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