

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re CHRISTINE ROBERTS, )  
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 Respondent. )  
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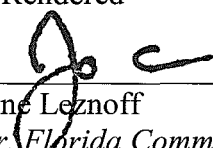
Complaint No. 18-203

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 that Respondent, as the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau's Vice President of Convention Sales, violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using or attempting to use her position and/or public property and/or public resources to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption for herself and/or another, and finds that there is probable cause to believe Respondent violated Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by having a conflicting contractual relationship that would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between the Respondent's private interest and the performance of the Respondent's public duties and/or impede the full and faithful discharge of the Respondent's public duties, and finds that there is probable cause to believe the Respondent violated Section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by using or disclosing information, not available to the general public, for the benefit of another. Therefore, the Commission orders a public hearing as to whether the Respondent violated Sections 112.313(6), 112.313(7)(a), and Section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes.

A formal notice of hearing of the matter on which probable cause has been found will be prepared and sent to the Respondent and to the Advocate. Under Commission Rule 34-5.020, Florida Administrative Code, the Commission may resolve a complaint proceeding through a stipulation, settlement or consent order entered into by the Respondent and the Commission's Advocate and approved by the Commission. If the Respondent wishes to pursue a settlement of this case, she should contact the Commission's Advocate at (850) 414-3300 to discuss the terms of a possible settlement.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session on Friday, March 5, 2021.

March 10, 2021  
Date Rendered  
  
JoAnne Leznoff  
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

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cc: Mr. Todd I. Stone and Ms. Leah Mayersohn, Attorneys for Respondent  
Ms. Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate  
Mr. David Rhodes, Complainant