

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
BEFORE THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**

**In re: Lesley Bunnell,  
Respondent**

**Complaint No. 2023-11**

**ORDER**

This matter having been heard before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on December 12, 2023, pursuant to Commission Regulation 520-RICR-00-00-3.16 Informal Disposition (1011), and the Commission having considered the Complaint herein, the arguments of the parties, and the proposed Information Resolution and Settlement, which is incorporated by reference herein, it is hereby

**ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED**

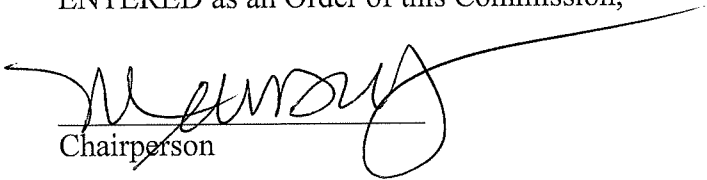
THAT, the Commission approves the Informal Resolution and Settlement as submitted;

THAT, the Commission incorporates by reference herein the Findings of Fact and Admissions and the Conclusions of Law set forth in the Informal Resolution and Settlement;

THAT, the Respondent failed to timely file a 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement with the Commission in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(c); and

THAT, the Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

ENTERED as an Order of this Commission,

  
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Chairperson

Dated: 12/12/2023

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**INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT**

The Respondent, Lesley Bunnell, and the Rhode Island Ethics Commission (“Ethics Commission”) Prosecutor, representing the People of the State of Rhode Island, hereby agree to a resolution of the above-referenced matter as follows, subject to the approval of the Ethics Commission:

**I. FINDINGS OF FACT & ADMISSIONS**

1. On August 10, 2023, the Respondent filed a Notice of Organization with the Rhode Island Board of Elections as a candidate for Rhode Island State Representative in the 2024 elections.
2. As a candidate for state elected office during calendar year 2023, the Respondent was required to file a 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement with the Ethics Commission within thirty (30) days after filing her Notice of Organization.
3. On August 16, 2023, the Ethics Commission mailed the Respondent a blank 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement with instructions for paper and online filing which notified her of her obligation to file a 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement on or before September 15, 2023.
4. The Respondent did not file a 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement with the Ethics Commission until November 21, 2023, subsequent to the filing of the instant Complaint.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As a candidate for state elected office who filed a Notice of Organization in 2023, the Respondent was required to timely file a 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement with the Ethics Commission pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(c).

2. By failing to file a 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement with the Ethics Commission until November 21, 2023, the Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(c).

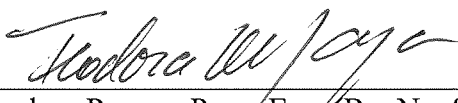
## III. SETTLEMENT

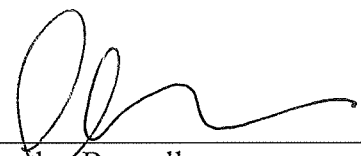
Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Admissions, and Conclusions of Law, the parties hereby agree, subject to the approval of the Ethics Commission, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-13(d) and Commission Regulation 520-RICR-00-00-3.16 Informal Disposition (1011), to the following:

1. The Ethics Commission shall enter an Order and Judgment adopting the Findings of Fact and Admissions, Conclusions of Law, and terms of the Settlement herein.

2. The Prosecution will recommend that the Ethics Commission impose, and the Respondent agrees to pay, a civil penalty in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

3. The above terms represent the full and complete Informal Resolution and Settlement for Complaint No. 2023-11.

  
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Teodora Popova Papa, Esq. (Bar No. 8753)  
Commission Prosecutor  
Dated: 11/29/2023

  
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Lesley Bunnell  
Respondent  
Dated: 11/29/23