

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

**In re: Daniel McKee,
Respondent**

Complaint No. 2019-6

ORDER

This matter having been heard before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on May 21, 2018, pursuant to 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

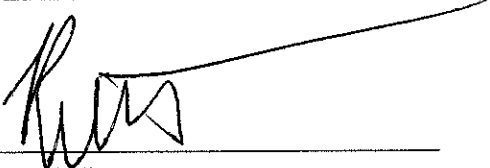
THAT, the Commission approves the Informal Resolution and Settlement as submitted;

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, on his 2017 Statement filed with the Commission, the Respondent did not list his 2017 trips to Taiwan, San Diego, or Philadelphia, as required by 520-RICR-00-00-4.12 Out-of-State-Travel (36-14-17009).

THAT, the Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

ENTERED as an Order of this Commission,



Chairperson

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INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT

The Respondent, Daniel McKee, and the Rhode Island Ethics Commission (“Commission”) hereby agree to a resolution of the above-referenced matter as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT & ADMISSIONS

1. The Respondent serves as Lieutenant Governor of the State of Rhode Island, having first been elected to that position in November 2014.

2. In April 2017, the Respondent was provided a 8-day trip to Taiwan valued at Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500). The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston paid for the trip, which included transportation, lodging, and meals.

3. The purpose of the trip was to promote cultural relations between the Taiwanese and Rhode Island governments and obtain six additional Dragon Boats for the annual Rhode Island Dragon Boat Races and Taiwan Day Festival. The Taiwanese government did, in fact, donate six more boats for the 2017 races.

4. The Respondent did not list the 2017 trip to Taiwan on his 2017 Financial Disclosure Statement (“2017 Statement”) filed with the Commission on April 28, 2018, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16.

5. On April 10, 2019, the day before the instant Complaint was filed, the Respondent amended his 2017 Statement to reflect his 2017 trip to Taiwan. On April 22, 2019, the Respondent

again amended his 2017 Statement to include two other out-of-state trips to San Diego and Philadelphia.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As Lieutenant Governor of the State of Rhode Island, a state elected position, the Respondent was, at all relevant times, subject to the financial disclosure mandate of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16.

2. On his 2017 Statement filed with the Commission pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16, the Respondent did not list the 2017 trips to Taiwan, San Diego, or Philadelphia, as required by 520-RICR-00-00-4.12 Out-of-State Travel (36-14-17009).

III. SETTLEMENT

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

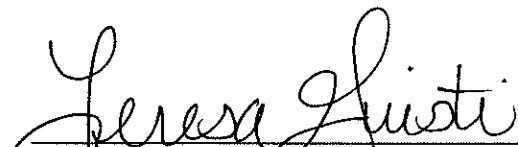
1. The Commission shall enter an Order and Judgment that the Respondent did not list his 2017 trips to Taiwan, San Diego, and Philadelphia on his 2017 Financial Disclosure Statement.

2. The Respondent agrees that, pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Prosecution will recommend the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250).

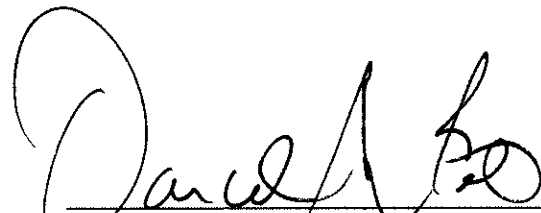
3. The Respondent agrees to the payment of a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250). The Respondent reserves the right to argue for the imposition of a lesser penalty.

4. The Respondent further agrees that, pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Prosecution will recommend the imposition of a \$250 civil penalty. The Respondent reserves his rights to argue for no penalty.

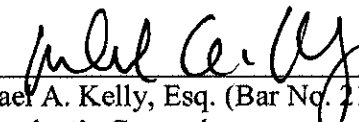
5. The above terms represent the full and complete Informal Resolution and Settlement for Complaint No. 2019-6.



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Commission Prosecutor
Dated: 5/21/19



Daniel McKee
Respondent
Dated: 5/21/19



Michael A. Kelly, Esq. (Bar No. 2116)
Respondent's Counsel
Dated: 5/21/19