

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-17

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Justin David Feller was at all times material hereto a Program Specialist IV for the Florida Department of Education, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 23-012 rendered on June 14, 2023, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Justin David Feller and therein found that Justin David Feller violated Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, by using his position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself and that he violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his position to secure a privilege, benefit, or exemption for himself or another (i.e., by using unauthorized gift cards and accepting unauthorized payments from a third party); and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-012 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Justin David Feller violated Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, by using his position to obtain a disproportionate benefit for himself and that he violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his position to secure a privilege, benefit, or exemption for himself or another (i.e., by using unauthorized gift cards and accepting unauthorized payments from a third party).

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000 for the violations of Article II, Section 8(h)(2), Florida Constitution, and section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Justin David Feller, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payments must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Justin David Feller is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

Ryan D. Newman

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GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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