

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into between the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (hereinafter the “Commission”) and Chad Albert Buckley.

WHEREAS, this agreement involves the matter styled *Executive Branch Ethics Commission v. Chad Albert Buckley*, Case No. 15-007;

WHEREAS, the Commission is designated by statute as the agency responsible for enforcing the Executive Branch Code of Ethics, KRS Chapter 11A;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2015, the Commission alleged facts in an Initiating Order that Chad Albert Buckley violated the Executive Branch Code of Ethics codified at KRS 11A.020(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d);

WHEREAS, Chad Albert Buckley was at all relevant times mentioned in the Initiating Order a “public servant” as defined in KRS 11A.010(9) and thus subject to the Executive Branch Code of Ethics;

WHEREAS, Chad Albert Buckley has been criminally charged in Fayette Circuit Court for one (1) count of Bribery of a Public Servant pursuant to KRS 521.020 stemming from the conduct that is the subject-matter of the above-referenced administrative proceedings;

WHEREAS, Chad Albert Buckley has agreed to enter a Plea of Guilty for criminal misdemeanor charges of Official Misconduct in Fayette Circuit Court, which includes agreeing to a serve a probationary term of twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, Chad Albert Buckley indicates his desire to resolve all issues in this action by the execution of a Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in settlement of the above allegations, the Commission and Chad Albert Buckley agree, pursuant to KRS 11A.100, as follows:

1. Chad Albert Buckley admits that he committed violations of the Executive Branch Code of Ethics codified at KRS 11A.020(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d), as stated in the Appendix A to the Commission’s Initiating Order of March 23, 2015, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

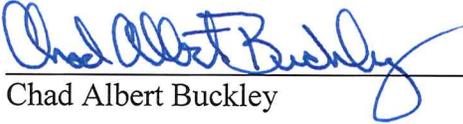
2. Chad Albert Buckley agrees to pay the Commission a civil penalty of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) concurrently with the signing of this Settlement Agreement.

3. Chad Albert Buckley agrees that upon an Final Order being issued by the Commission that he waives all rights to any further administrative process or appeal pursuant to KRS 13B.140 thereon.

4. The parties further agree that the acceptance of this Settlement Agreement and Final Order by both parties, and the fulfillment of its express terms, is in full accord and satisfaction of the herein referenced *Executive Branch Ethics Commission v. Chad Albert Buckley*, Agency Case No. 15-007.

5. This Settlement Agreement constitutes a public reprimand to Chad Albert Buckley, a copy of which will be provided to his former appointing authority pursuant to KRS 11A.100(3)(c).

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed:


Chad Albert Buckley

11-13-15
Date

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION:


Chair, William David Denton

11-16-15
Date


Vice Chair, William G. Francis

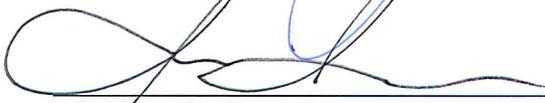
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Member, Martin E. Johnstone

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Member, Sheila R. Isaac

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