

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into between the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (hereinafter the “Commission”) and Jeremy Riggs.

WHEREAS, this agreement involves the matter styled *Executive Branch Ethics Commission v. Jeremy Riggs*, Case No. 19-012;

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 18, 2019, the Commission alleged facts in an Initiating Order that Jeremy Riggs violated the Executive Branch Code of Ethics codified at KRS 11A.040(4);

WHEREAS, Jeremy Riggs 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; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Riggs 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 Jeremy Riggs agree, pursuant to KRS 11A.100, as follows:

1. Jeremy Riggs does not admit that he committed two counts in violation of the Executive Branch Code of Ethics codified at KRS 11A.040(4) as stated in the Appendix A to the Commission’s Initiating Order of March 18, 2019, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, but agrees that he will not contest these charges for the purposes of settling this matter.

2. Jeremy Riggs agrees to pay the Commission a civil penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) pursuant to the terms of the Agreed Final Order.

3. Jeremy Riggs agrees to waive any further pursuit of reimbursement from the Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet for the outstanding invoice of \$2850 that he submitted to the Cabinet in recognition of the Commission’s ability under KRS 11A.100(4) to void, rescind, or cancel such agreement upon which the invoice was based.

4. Jeremy Riggs agrees that he waives all rights to any further administrative process or appeal pursuant to KRS 13B.140 thereon.

5. The parties further agree that the acceptance of this Settlement Agreement 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. Jeremy Riggs*, Case No. 19-012.

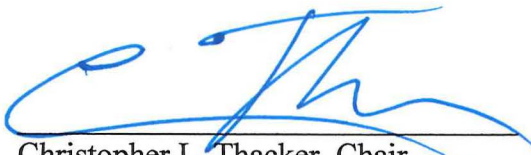
6. This Settlement Agreement constitutes a public reprimand to Jeremy Riggs, a copy of which will be provided to his former appointing authority pursuant to KRS 11A.100(3)(c).

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

  
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Jeremy Riggs

3-18-19  
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Date

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION:**

  
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Christopher L. Thacker, Chair

5-14-19  
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Date

  
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Christopher W. Brooker, Vice-Chair

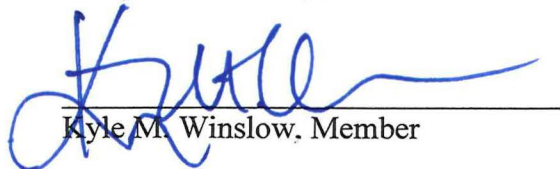
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April A. Wimberg, Member

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Holly R. Iaccarino, Member

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Kyle M. Winslow, Member

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