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FRANKFORT, KY – At its November 13, 2024 meeting, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found LaSaundra (Sonja) Cox of Lexington, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Final Order of Default, the Commission found LaSaundra Cox violated four (4) counts of the Code of Ethics. Specifically, while employed as an Executive Administrative Secretary for the Justice Cabinet, Cox used her position as the Lead Coordinator for the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign fundraising coordinator to collect and keep cash donations from the 2021 campaign, failed to turn in check contributions from the 2021 campaign, and failed to turn in cash and checks for the 2022 campaign until confronted several months after the deadline.

Pursuant to the Final Order of Default, LaSaundra Cox must pay a \$20,000.00 civil penalty and receive a public reprimand.