

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-11

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, Frantz Pierre was at all times material hereto a member of the City Council for the City of North Miami Beach 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. 21-022 rendered on September 15, 2021, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Frantz Pierre and therein found that Frantz Pierre (1) violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club based upon an understanding that he would be influenced in his official capacity; (2) violated section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club when he knew, or with the exercise of reasonable care, should have known that the things of value were given to influence him in his official capacity; and (3) violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans directly

or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club, by soliciting and accepting contributions under the guise of a "turkey giveaway," and by keeping all or some of the money for himself; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-022 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. Frantz Pierre violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club based upon an understanding that he would be influenced in his official capacity; violated section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans obtained directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club when he knew, or with the exercise of reasonable care, should have known that the things of value were given to influence him in his official capacity; and violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and accepting moneys, funds, value, or loans directly or indirectly from Dean Tyler, Platinum South, Inc., and Dean's Gold Club, by soliciting and accepting contributions under the guise of a "turkey giveaway," and by keeping all or some of the money for himself.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 for the violation of sections 112.313(2), 112.313(4), and 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Frantz Pierre, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment 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. Frantz Pierre is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

Ryan D. Newman

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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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