

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-203

**WHEREAS**, Nichole Cummings (Cummings) is presently serving as a member of the Putnam County School Board; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 29, 2018, Cummings was charged by Information with Grand Theft, a third-degree felony in violation of section 812.014, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution, provides that the Governor may suspend from office any county officer for malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, drunkenness, incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or commission of a felony; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the residents of Putnam County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Cummings be immediately suspended from the public office, which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT**, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution, find as follows:

- A. Nichole Cummings is, and at all times material hereto was, a School Board Member for Putnam County, Florida.
- B. The office of School Board Member for Putnam County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution.
- C. On June 29, 2018, Cummings was charged by Information with Grand Theft, a third-degree felony in violation of section 812.014, Florida Statutes, as evidenced by the attached Information filed in the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

**BEING FULLY ADVISED** in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

Section 1. Nichole Cummings is suspended from the public office which she now holds, to wit: School Board Member for Putnam County, Florida.

Section 2. Nichole Cummings is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, this 13th day of July, 2018.

  
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RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PUTNAM  
COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN THE YEAR TWO  
THOUSAND EIGHTEEN

VS.

NICHOLE MUSSOLINE CUMMINGS  
W/F; DOB: 12/05/1976 [REDACTED]

CASE NO: 2018-0866-CF  
AGENCY: PCSO/183052

INFORMATION

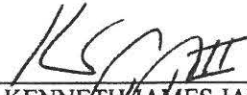
CHARGE(S):

1) GRAND THEFT

R.J. LARIZZA, State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida and as such prosecuting attorney for this Court, in the name of and by the authority of the State of Florida charges that:

COUNT I: NICHOLE MUSSOLINE CUMMINGS, on or about June 18, 2018, in the County of Putnam and the State of Florida did knowingly obtain or use, or endeavor to obtain or use assorted merchandise of a value of \$300.00 or more but less than \$20,000.00, which was the property of Palatka Walmart, or any other person not the defendant(s), with the intent to permanently or temporarily deprive Palatka Walmart or any other person not the defendant(s) of the property or benefit therefrom or to appropriate the property to the use of NICHOLE MUSSOLINE CUMMINGS or to the use of any person not entitled thereto, contrary to Florida Statute 812.014 (2)(c) and 812.014 (1). (3 DEG FEL)

FOR THE STATE ATTORNEY

  
KENNETH JAMES JANESK II  
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
BAR NUMBER: 85993


COUNTY OF PUTNAM

STATE OF FLORIDA

Personally appeared before me KENNETH JAMES JANESK II, Assistant State Attorney, for the Seventh Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, known to me to be the foregoing prosecuting officer, who being duly sworn, says that the allegations set forth in the foregoing information are based upon facts that have been sworn to as true, and which, if true, would constitute the offense therein charged. Subscribed in good faith. Said facts based on testimony of material witnesses.

SWORN to and subscribed before me this 29 day of June, 2018.

Submitted to the Clerk of the CIRCUIT  
Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, in and  
For PUTNAM County, Florida, on the  
29 day of June, 2018.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC AT LARGE  
STATE OF FLORIDA

