

Meeting of the Ethics Commission of the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut
January 23, 2014 Nichols Room

Members present.... Thomas E. Lee, Esq., Eric Gross, Esq., Rev. Joseph Piccirillo, Robert C. Miller.

Meeting called to order by Thomas Lee at 15:05.

First order of business.... Election of officers.... Motions were made and seconded for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. By unanimous vote those elected as officers are as follows.... Chair, Thomas Lee; Vice Chair, Eric Gross; Secretary, Joseph Piccirillo.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn to executive session at 15:18 for consideration of Complaint #1-2014 involving a confidential matter.

2 Visitors who attended the public meeting left at the commission's request.

Attorney Martin McCann entered the meeting at 15:24.

Attorney William Brown entered the meeting at 15:31.

Pastor Joseph adjourned himself at 15:52 and returned to the meeting at 15:56.

Complainant was received in the meeting at 16:38 with Attorney Ms. Liz Ditman.

The Complainant and Ms. Ditman adjourned from our meeting at 17:22.

Executive session of the Ethics Commission was adjourned at 17:28 upon motion, seconded, and unanimously approved, and opened to the public.

A motion was made by Attorney Eric Gross to accept the complaint and find that there was probable cause to believe that the respondent had violated Section III (B)(3) of the Trumbull Ethics Code. The motion was seconded by Attorney Martin McCann. The motion was unanimously passed (5-0) with no abstentions. Alternate member Robert Miller did not vote on the motion, there being 5 regular members in attendance and voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Joseph Piccirillo, Secretary
Ethics Commission

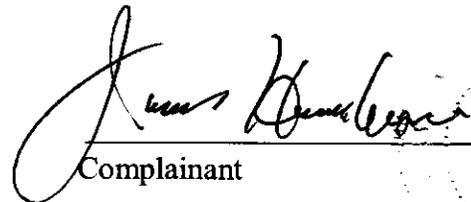
TOWN OF TRUMBULL
ETHICS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT

The undersigned, being duly sworn according to law, hereby deposes and says:

1. I believe in the obligation of an oath.
2. I am over the age of 18 years.
3. That I am employed by the Town of Trumbull as the Internal Auditor.
4. That, as part of my responsibilities, I drafted a report entitled "School Facilities Snow Removal and Trumbull High School Building Construction Renovation."
5. That on or about October 28, 2013, the Trumbull Board of Education held a special meeting to review and discuss the above draft report.
6. That I was not in attendance at the special meeting.
7. That the special meeting was broadcast through public access television.
8. That approximately forty-eight minutes into the meeting, Thomas Kelly, who was a member of the Trumbull Board of Education at the time, stated that he wanted to discuss my qualifications and provide additional information that he "knew" about my qualifications.
9. That Mr. Kelly stated that I never disclosed to the Trumbull Board of Finance that I was dismissed at my prior job for poor performance.
10. That Mr. Kelly stated that I filed a lawsuit against my former employer alleging age discrimination.

11. That Mr. Kelly stated that the lawsuit was dismissed on summary judgment and it did not even meet the lowest bar to proceed to trial.
12. That Mr. Kelly questioned whether I revealed any of this information about my prior job when I interviewed with the Town of Trumbull.
13. That Mr. Kelly questioned my credibility and stated he wanted to make sure the Board of Education had all of the facts about my prior work experience.
14. That Mr. Kelly's statements were personal attacks on my character.
15. That Mr. Kelly questioned my competency and made false statements regarding my prior work experience.
16. That Mr. Kelly's public statements violated the Town of Trumbull's Code of Ethics, including but not limited to Sections III.B.1, V.A. and V.B.2.


Complainant

County of Fairfield

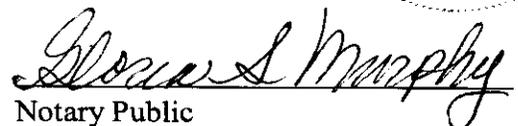
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Trumbull

January 14, 2014

State of Connecticut

Personally appeared JAMES HENDERSON of WATERBURY, CT
before me who swore to the truth of the matters contained herein.


Notary Public
~~Commissioner of the Superior Court~~

GLORIA S. MURPHY
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires July 31, 2018