

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**



Office of Government Ethics

In Re: A [REDACTED] Smith
Case No.: 1031-005

NEGOTIATED DISPOSITION

Pursuant to section 221(a)(4)(A)(v)¹ of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2011 (“Ethics Act”), effective April 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, D.C. Official Code § 1-1161.01 et seq., the Office of Government Ethics (the “Office”) hereby enters into this Public Negotiated Disposition with the Respondent, A. Smith. Respondent agrees that the resulting disposition is a settlement of the above-titled action, detailed as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondent is a Policy/Program Specialist in the Early Childhood Division at District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”). Respondent has been an employee of DCPS for 6 years. Beginning in at least January, 2015, Respondent began using D.C. Fleet Share vehicles for her personal use. Respondent used D.C. Fleet Share vehicles to travel, for personal use, to and from her office at 1200 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 to various destinations (including equestrian facilities in Maryland), on at least 33 instances, for a total of 3,567.8 miles driven, at an approximate cost to the District of Columbia government of \$2,100.

II. NATURE OF VIOLATIONS

Respondent’s conduct is in violation of at least one section of the District Code of Conduct, as set forth below:

- ❖ **One:** District Personnel Manual § 1800.3(i), which states: “Employees shall protect and conserve government property and shall not use it for other than authorized activities.”

Respondent’s conduct, using D.C. Fleet Share vehicles for her personal use, was a violation of the District Personnel Manual, specifically, §1800.3(i).

III. TERMS OF THE NEGOTIATED DISPOSITION

Respondent acknowledges that Respondent’s conduct was in violation of the District Code of Conduct. Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of **\$4,200.00** and promises not to engage

¹ Section 221(a)(4)(A) of the Ethics Act provides, in pertinent part, that “[i]n addition to any civil penalty imposed under this title, a violation of the Code of Conduct may result in the following: . . . Any negotiated disposition of a matter offered by the Director of Government Ethics, and accepted by the respondent, subject to approval by the Ethics Board.”

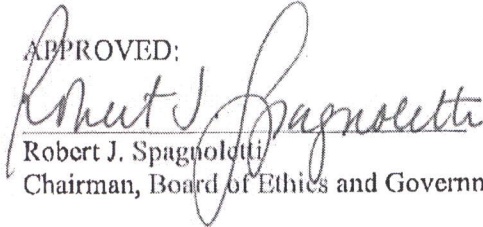


Darrin P. Sobin
Director of Government Ethics

10/6/15
Date

This agreement shall not be deemed effective unless and until it is approved by the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, as demonstrated by the signature of the Chairman below.

APPROVED:



Robert J. Spagnolotti
Chairman, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

10/6/15
Date

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