

September 5, 2025

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Re: Written Request for an In-Person Hearing re: Notice of Violation and Order (REQ-2024-0222)

Dear Mr. Harris,

I am in receipt of the above-referenced Notice of Violation and Order (REQ-2024-0222) and submit this written request for an in-person hearing on the matter.

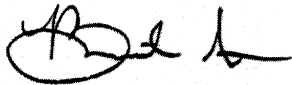
1. Case Number: REQ-2024-0222
2. Summary of Arguments:
 - a. The Instagram account used to post the video in question is not an official state Instagram account.
 - b. A general denial of the State Ethics Commission's claim that state facilities were used for campaign purposes, as well as a general denial that state facilities were used in a manner unavailable to the public.
3. Evidence: None at this time.
4. Name(s) and contact information of any witnesses I intend to call: None at this time.
5. Summary of the testimony I intend to introduce from each witness: None at this time.
6. Anticipated amount of time I intend to examine each witness: None, but would like to reserve time for cross-examination of any and all witnesses called to testify against me.

I am further requesting that the State Ethics Commission furnish me with a copy of any discovery or evidence (i.e., complaints, interviews, declarations, depositions, etc.) that it has in its possession that is relevant to this case. I am also requesting a copy of a witness list (name and contact information) for those individuals that will be called to testify by the State Ethics Commission, and a summary of the testimony that each witness will give.

Lastly, I would like to emphasize that I am requesting an in-person hearing. When I met with you previously, you indicated that I could request a hearing with the commission in person, and I do so now.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenton Awa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "A".

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