



# Missouri Ethics Commission

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**Final Action: MEC No. 20-0094-I, DaRon McGee**

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against DaRon McGee at its January 6, 2021 meeting. Mr. McGee is a member of the Hickman Mills School Board.

The complaint filed with the Commission alleged that Mr. McGee violated one or more school board policies when he appeared and spoke at an August 26, 2020 meeting of the Kansas City Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee. Those policies expressly prohibit Board members from speaking on behalf of the Board and from divulging confidential information. Additionally, the complaint alleged that Mr. McGee may have realized a personal financial gain after disclosing confidential School Board information in violation of state conflict of interest law.

The investigation conducted by the MEC lead the Commission to find that reasonable grounds exist to support the allegation that Mr. McGee violated one or more provisions of school board policy relating to his appearance at the August 26 meeting and the release of confidential information. However, these violations were addressed by the Hickman Mills School Board which sent a letter to Mr. McGee requesting an apology, which has since been received. The Board considers the matter resolved and closed. While the Commission has the authority to receive complaints alleging violations of such policy and expresses concern when such policies are violated, given the Board's immediate consideration of its own policy, the Commission considers this matter moot.

State law concerning such issues is provided in Section 105.452.1(3), RSMo, which prohibits disclosure of "confidential information obtained in the course of or by reason of his employment of official capacity in any manner with intent to result in financial gain for himself or any other person[.]" The investigation conducted by the MEC found no evidence to support the allegation that any information was disclosed by Mr. McGee for the purpose of receiving a financial gain for himself or for others. Thus, the circumstances of Mr. McGee's behavior did not violate state statute.

Based on the preceding, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 105, RSMo, and dismissed the complaint.

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