Final Action: MEC No. 21-0052-I, Senator Justin Brown, Team Justin Brown, Danette

Sherrell, Treasurer

Date: 2/22/2022

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Senator Justin Brown and Team Justin Brown at its February 22, 2022 meeting.

The complaint filed with the Commission alleged that Team Justin Brown, utilized campaign funds to cover personal daily meal and lodging expenses that would otherwise be covered by Senator Brown's senate per-diem and by doing so, Senator Brown converted contributions to personal use.

The investigation showed that the committee paid for food brought to the Capitol for constituent groups, and for meals in support of work in the Senate for staff and other group functions. Other meals were provided for campaign purposes. All expenditures were permitted by Sections 130.034.2(1) to (3), RSMo which provide for proper use of campaign funds. There was no evidence that these expenditures were for personal use.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and dismissed the complaint.

Elizabeth L. Ziegler Executive Director