

**BEFORE THE
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

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Missouri Ethics
Commission

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 26-0013-I
)	
TRAVES WILLIAMS and SEDALIANS)	
ELECTING TRAVES WILLIAMS,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

**JOINT PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND CONSENT ORDER**

The Missouri Ethics Commission (“MEC”), together with Traves Williams and Sedalians Electing Traves Williams (“Respondents”), collectively the “parties,” jointly stipulate and consent to action as set forth here (the “agreement”).

Respondents acknowledge their right to have this agreement reviewed by counsel. Respondents further acknowledge they have received actual notice of the legal complaint filed by the MEC in this case, have reviewed the contents of the legal complaint, and submit to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Respondents further acknowledge they are aware of the various rights and privileges afforded by law, including but not limited to: the right to appear and be represented by counsel at a hearing before the MEC; the right to have all allegations against Respondents proven upon the record by competent and substantial evidence; the right to cross-examine any witnesses appearing at the hearing against Respondents; the

right to present evidence on Respondents' behalf at the hearing; and the right to a decision upon the record of the hearing. Being aware of these rights, Respondents knowingly and voluntarily waive each one of these rights and freely enter into this agreement and agrees to abide by its terms.

I.

The parties mutually agree and stipulate, subject to adoption by the Missouri Ethics Commission, the following shall constitute the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC) is an agency of the State of Missouri established pursuant to § 105.955, RSMo, in part for the purpose of enforcing provisions of Chapter 130, RSMo.

2. Respondent Traves Williams was a successful candidate for Mayor of Sedalia in the April 2026 municipal election.

3. Respondent Sedalians Electing Traves Williams Mayor is a candidate committee that registered with the MEC on November 7, 2025.

4. Pursuant to § 105.961, RSMo, the MEC's staff investigated a complaint filed with the Commission and reported the investigation findings to the Commission.

5. The Commission determined there were reasonable grounds to believe violations of the law had occurred and authorized a hearing pursuant to § 105.961.3, RSMo.

6. Respondents printed and distributed mailers to the citizens of Sedalia, advocating the candidacy of Respondent Travis Williams.

7. The mailers failed to include a proper "Paid for by" disclosure.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. Pursuant to § 130.031.8, RSMo, printed matter relative to a ballot measure "shall on the face of the printed matter identify in a clear and conspicuous manner the person who paid for the printed matter with the words 'Paid for by' followed by the proper identification of the sponsor pursuant to this section."

9. The specifics regarding "proper identification of the sponsor" are laid out in the subsections of the statute as follows:

- a. In regard to any printed matter paid for by a candidate from the candidate's personal funds, it shall be sufficient identification to print the first and last name by which the candidate is known.
- b. In regard to any printed matter paid for by a committee, it shall be sufficient identification to print the name of the committee as required to be registered by subsection 5 of section 130.021 and the name and title of the committee treasurer who was serving when the printed matter was paid for.

10. There is probable cause to believe that Respondents violated § 130.031.8(4), RSMo, by printing and distributing mailers supporting a candidate for public office without including a proper "Paid for by" disclosure.

II.

Based on the foregoing, the parties mutually agree and stipulate, subject to adoption by the Missouri Ethics Commission, the following shall constitute the Order issued by the Missouri Ethics Commission in this matter:

CONSENT ORDER

The Missouri Ethics Commission finds probable cause to believe Respondents violated § 130.031.8(4), RSMo and pursuant to § 105.961.4, RSMo, hereby **ORDERS**:

1. Respondents shall comply with all relevant sections of Chapter 130.
2. A fee is imposed against Respondents in the amount of \$100.00, pursuant to § 105.961.4(6), RSMo. The fee will be paid by check or money order made payable to the Missouri Ethics Commission.
3. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable for all fees imposed under this order.

III.

The parties understand that the MEC will maintain this agreement as an open record of the Commission. This agreement does not bind the MEC or restrict the remedies available concerning any violations not expressly detailed here, including any future violations. Each party agrees to pay all their own fees and expenses incurred as a result of this case, its litigation, and/or its disposition.

Respondents, together with their heirs, assigns, agents, representatives and attorneys, do hereby waive, release, acquit and forever discharge the MEC, the Commission's respective members, employees, agents and attorneys including former

members, employees, agents and attorneys, of, or from any liability, claim, actions, causes of action, fees, costs, expenses and compensation, including, but not limited to, any claim for attorney's fees and expenses, whether or not now known or contemplated, including, but not limited to, any claims pursuant to § 536.087, RSMo, as amended, or any claim arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which now or in the future may be based upon, arise out of, or relate to any of the matters raised in this case or its litigation or from the negotiation or execution of this Joint Stipulation. The parties acknowledge that this paragraph is severable from the remaining portions of this agreement in that it survives in perpetuity even in the event that any court or administrative tribunal deems this agreement or any portion thereof void or unenforceable.

This agreement shall become effective immediately upon (1) the signature of all parties; (2) the adoption of the Joint Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law by the Missouri Ethics Commission; and (3) the issuance of a Final Order by the Commission, without any further action of the parties.

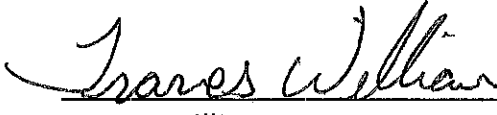
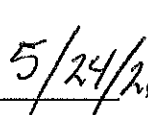
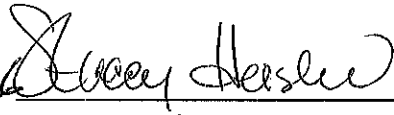
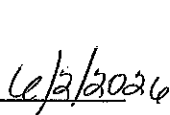
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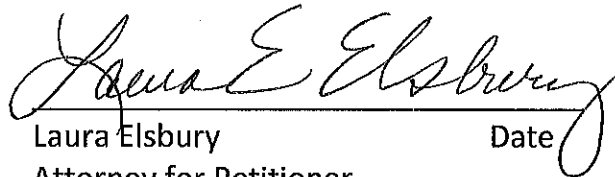
RESPONDENTS

TRAVES WILLIAMS
SEDALIANS ELECTING TRAVES WILLIAMS

PETITIONER

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

			
Traves Williams	Date	Stacey Heislen Executive Director	Date

	
Laura Elsbury Attorney for Petitioner	Date

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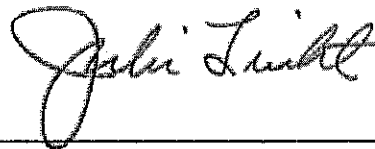
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SO ORDERED, this 4th day of June 2026.



Julie Liecht, Chair
Missouri Ethics Commission