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In Re: Perry Thurston, Candidate

Case No.: FEC 15-007

F.O.No.: FOPEC 15-085A

FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 20, 2015, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Pursuant to Section 106.35(1), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.047, Florida Administrative Code, the Division of Elections is charged with certifying whether a candidate is eligible for contributions from the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund (i.e., "matching funds"), and the Commission is charged with hearing appeals from adverse decisions regarding the distribution of matching funds.

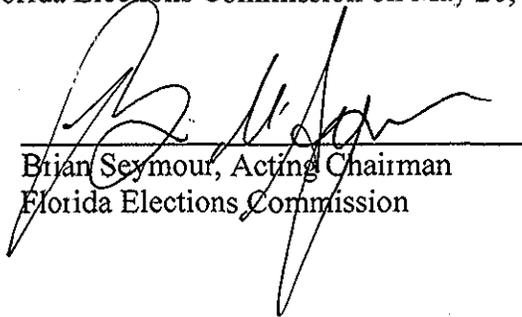
Perry Thurston was a 2014 candidate for the Office of Attorney General. On December 24, 2015, the Division of Elections "declined to certify Mr. Thurston as a candidate eligible for matching funds and therefore [denied] his request for funds." Mr. Thurston appealed the denial, requesting that the Commission (1) determine that he is a candidate eligible to receive matching funds; and (2) determine and award to him a distribution of matching funds.

The Commission reviewed the briefs submitted by both parties and heard oral argument on the matter.

ORDERED that the appeal is **DENIED** and the Division's denial of certification of

Perry Thurston as a candidate eligible to receive matching funds is **AFFIRMED**.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on May 20, 2015.



Brian Seymour, Acting Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

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