

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 13-317

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to assure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Paulo Brida, is at all times material hereto the former Associate Director of Facilities and Planning at Florida Atlantic University (FAU), and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. COE 13-031 rendered on June 12, 2013, the Commission on Ethics found that Paulo Brida violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by soliciting an entity doing business with FAU and/or accepting a personal loan from the owner of Florida Building and Remodeling with the understanding that he would act favorably upon the business. Brida also violated section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by receiving a “thing of value” meant to influence his actions in his public position, and violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his public position to receive a personal loan from the owner of Florida Building and Remodeling, an entity doing business with FAU, and he violated section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by

having a conflicting contractual relationship with Florida Building and Remodeling or its owner with respect to a personal loan; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. COE 13-031.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Paulo Brida violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and/or accepting a personal loan from the owner of Florida Building and Remodeling, an entity doing business with FAU, with the understanding that he would act favorably upon the business. Brida also violated section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by receiving a “thing of value” meant to influence his actions in his public position, and he violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his public position to receive a personal loan from the owner of Florida Building and Remodeling, and he violated section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by having a conflicting contractual relationship with Florida Building and Remodeling or its owner regarding a personal loan.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00 is hereby imposed against Paulo Brida, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by Paulo Brida that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Paulo Brida is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 1st day of November, 2013.


RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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