



## OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

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| DOCKET NUMBER 2024-09 | : | 165 CAPITOL AVENUE |
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| IN THE MATTER OF A    | : | SUITE 1200         |
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| COMPLAINT AGAINST     | : | HARTFORD, CT 06106 |
|                       | : |                    |
| NICHOLAS AUGELLI      | : | NOVEMBER 21, 2025  |

### **STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to the Code of Ethics, General Statutes §§ 1-79, *et seq.*, Mark Wasielewski, Ethics Enforcement Officer, filed a Complaint against Nicholas Augelli (“Respondent”), alleging violations of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials. Based on the investigation by the Enforcement Division of the Office of State Ethics (“OSE”) (together with Respondent, the “Parties”), OSE finds that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent violated the Code of Ethics as further set forth herein.

The Parties have entered into this Consent Order following the issuance of the Complaint, but without any adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein.

### **I. STIPULATION**

The Ethics Enforcement Officer and Respondent stipulate to the following facts:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was employed as a Correction Officer at the Connecticut Department of Correction (“DOC”).

2. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was a "state employee" as that term is defined in General Statutes § 1-79 (13).

3. Beginning in or around April 2020, and at all times relevant hereto, DOC administered the Temporary Emergency Lodging Program/Hotel Accommodations Program (the "Hotel Program") whereby DOC provided hotel rooms at no cost to DOC employees who met certain COVID-19 related criteria.

4. At all times relevant hereto, the Hotel Program was available only to DOC employees who were confirmed to be COVID-19 positive or suspected to be COVID-19 positive, and/or to DOC employees whose family members were self-quarantined or quarantined by the direction of a medical provider.

5. At all times relevant hereto, DOC employees who utilized rooms pursuant to the Hotel Program were required to obtain prior DOC approval.

6. On or around December 6, 2020 through on or around May 15, 2021, Respondent reserved and/or stayed at a hotel in Granby, Connecticut (the "Granby Hotel") using the Hotel Program.

7. During Respondent's stay at the Granby Hotel, he did not report to a DOC facility and was on military leave.

8. Respondent did not seek or obtain approval to reserve a stay at the Granby Hotel.

9. Respondent charged his stay at the Granby Hotel to DOC under the Hotel Program, and DOC paid for the stay.

10. The value of the Granby Hotel stay totaled approximately \$7,000.00.

11. General Statutes §1-84 (c) states in pertinent part:

[N]o public official or state employee shall use his public office or position ... to obtain financial gain for himself, his spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or sister or a business with which he is associated.

12. Respondent, by utilizing the Hotel Program to secure a free hotel stay for his personal benefit as described above, used his public office or position to obtain financial gain in violation of General Statutes §1-84 (c).

## **II. RESPONDENT'S STATEMENT**

1. Respondent states that he did not intentionally violate the Code of Ethics.
2. Respondent states that he has reimbursed the State of Connecticut for the entire amount of the hotel stay at issue.

## **III. JURISDICTION**

1. The Ethics Enforcement Officer is authorized to investigate Respondent's acts as set forth herein and to enter into this Stipulation and Consent Order.
2. The provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order apply to and are binding upon Respondent.
3. Respondent hereby waives all objections and defenses to the jurisdiction of the Ethics Enforcement Officer over matters addressed in this Stipulation and Consent Order.
4. Respondent waives any rights he may have under General Statutes §§ 1-80, 1-82, 1-82a, 1-87, and 1-88, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Ethics Enforcement Officer to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by General Statutes § 4-177 (c).
5. Respondent consents to jurisdiction and venue in the Connecticut Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, in the event that the State of Connecticut seeks to enforce this Stipulation and Consent Order. Respondent recognizes that the Connecticut Superior Court has the authority to specifically enforce the provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order, including the authority to award equitable relief.



6. The terms set forth herein are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other existing or future statutory, regulatory, or other legal obligation that may be applicable to Respondent.

7. Respondent understands that he has a right to counsel and has been represented by counsel during OSE's investigation and in connection with this Stipulation and Consent Order.


#### IV. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to General Statutes § 4-177 (c), OSE hereby ORDERS, and Respondent agrees, that:

1. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (1), Respondent will cease and desist from any future violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (c).
2. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (3), Respondent will pay civil penalties to the State in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for his violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (c) as set forth in the Complaint and herein.

WHEREFORE, the Ethics Enforcement Officer and Respondent hereby execute this Stipulation and Consent Order dated November 21, 2025.

Dated: 20 Dec 2025

  
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Nicholas Augelli

Dated: Dec. 26, 2025

  
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