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NAME OF

COMPLAINANT(S),  
Shelley Mealey

v.

: BEFORE THE SCHOOL

: ETHICS COMMISSION

OF NEW JERSEY

NAME OF RESPONDENT(S)

Jacqueline Borger

: SCHOOL ETHICS ACT

: COMPLAINT FORM

I, (Shelley Mealey), residing at [REDACTED] Woolwich, NJ 08085 [REDACTED] [REDACTED], request the School Ethics Commission to consider a complaint against the above-named Respondent(s) whose home address is ([REDACTED] Gloucester City, NJ 08030) in accordance with the authority of the School Ethics Commission to entertain such complaints under N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.

**The facts upon which this complaint is based are as follows:** *(Please print additional pages as needed. Students should be identified by initials only.)*

1. Statement of facts: Mrs. Borger sent an email to my boss regarding an incident that had happened between us. In her email she stated, "being the Vice President of the Gloucester City School Board" The incident had nothing to do with her position as Vice President or with the Gloucester City School District. (Please see attached email)

Date of occurrence: 6/10/15

I assert this to be a violation of: N.J.S.A.18A:12-24.1 (e) I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.

The incident had already been resolved in court and she contacted my superintendent after the fact. There was no need to make the statement that she is a Vice President of a school board. We feel that she was trying to use that position as an "authority" position for a personal matter.

I contacted Superintendent of Gloucester City School District, Joe Rafferty, and forwarded Mrs. Borger's email to him that she sent to my Superintendent (Tom Coleman) and he said he would investigate and call me back. I have not heard anything to this day.

2. Statement of facts:

Date of occurrence: \_\_\_\_\_.

I assert this to be a violation of: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Statement of facts:

Date of occurrence: \_\_\_\_\_.

I assert this to be a violation of: \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREFORE, I, as Complainant, request that the School Ethics Commission find and determine that the above-named Respondent(s) has violated the School Ethics Act and that he or she be subject to such penalty as provided by the Act.

Date 10/23/15

Shelley Mealey  
Signature of Complainant  
or his or her Attorney

**CERTIFICATION UNDER OATH**

(Name of Complainant), of full age, being duly sworn upon his or her oath according to law deposes and says:

1. I am the complainant in this matter.

2. I have read the complaint and aver that the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I am aware that the statute that created the School Ethics Commission authorizes the School Ethics Commission to impose penalties for filing a frivolous complaint. N.J.S.A. 18A:12-29(e). I am aware that if the respondent alleges that the complaint is frivolous, I shall have 20 days from receipt of the answer to respond to the allegation.

3. The subject matter of this complaint is not pending in any court of law or administrative agency of this State. I will advise the School Ethics Commission if I subsequently become aware that it is pending elsewhere.

Shelley Mealey  
Signature of Complainant

Date: 10/23/15

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 23 day of October 2015

**Notice:** All final decisions issued in connection with complaints that come before the School Ethics Commission for review and determination are public records uniformly posted on the Department of Education's website at <http://www.nj.gov/education/legal/>. As a general rule, selective requests to remove a particular decision for reasons of personal preference are not entertained.

*Emily D Owens*

**EMILY D. OWENS  
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY  
My Commission Expires 4/12/2020**

**Subject:** Fwd: Incident involving Shelley Mealey  
**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2015 at 12:53:38 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Bramante, Andrea  
**To:** Mealey, Shelley

Life is Good!  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Coleman, Tom" <[coleman.t@woodstown.org](mailto:coleman.t@woodstown.org)>  
**Date:** June 10, 2015 at 7:52:27 PM EDT  
**To:** "Hoopes, Scott" <[hoopes.s@woodstown.org](mailto:hoopes.s@woodstown.org)>, "Bramante, Andrea" <[bramante.a@woodstown.org](mailto:bramante.a@woodstown.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Incident involving Shelley Mealey

Is this the person Shelley had the conflict with?

**From:** jackie borger <[jacquelineb731@](mailto:jacquelineb731@)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 2:01 PM *already resolved in court*  
**To:** Tom Coleman <[coleman.t@woodstown.org](mailto:coleman.t@woodstown.org)>  
**Subject:** Incident involving Shelley Mealey

Dear Mr. Coleman, *not a criminal case*  
I am currently involved in a criminal case involving one of your teachers, Shelley Mealey. I would like to meet with you after the case. Being the Vice President of the Gloucester City school Board and a member of the NJEA, I am aware that you are not at liberty to discuss the matter at this time, but I do think that you should be aware of all of the facts of the case, and I am willing to share all of the legal paperwork with you after the case goes to trial. It is scheduled to be heard on June 10th in Winslow Twp. My [redacted] ages [redacted] and [redacted] as well as her own [redacted] were present when Mrs. Mealey did in fact assault me. And the language and threats that she used toward me were certainly unbecoming a teacher's code of conduct. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Borger

PS. The case was heard today and Shelley Mealey did plead guilty to a lesser charge, although, I was informed by my lawyer that the crimes of which she was originally charged, aggravated assault and terroristic threats, will still remain on her record.

*Incident did not occur on any Gloucester City School Grounds nor did it involve her position as a board member.*