

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF
BRUCE TENTZER,
RESPONDENT

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BEFORE THE
TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION
SC-32306195

ORDER and AGREED RESOLUTION

I. Recitals

The Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) met on _____, 2024, to consider sworn complaint SC-32306195. A quorum of the TEC was present. The TEC determined that there is credible evidence of a violation of Sections 253.003(a) and 253.094(a) of the Election Code, laws administered and enforced by the TEC. To resolve and settle this complaint without further proceedings, the TEC adopted this resolution.

II. Allegation

The complaint alleged that, on behalf of his church, Abilene Hope Chapel, which is an assumed name of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, a California nonprofit corporation, the respondent made a monetary political contribution from corporate funds to Scott Beard, a candidate for Abilene's city council, in violation of Sections 253.003(a) and 253.094(a) of the Texas Election Code.

III. Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Credible evidence available to the TEC supports the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. At all times relevant to the complaint, the respondent was the pastor of Hope 4 Life Church, which is also known as Abilene Hope Chapel. Abilene Hope Chapel is an assumed name of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, which is a nonprofit corporation incorporated in California.
2. Scott Beard is the senior pastor of FountainGate Church in Abilene, Texas. Beard was an unsuccessful candidate for Abilene's city council in the May 6, 2023 election. On his 8-day pre-election report, Beard disclosed accepting a \$200 monetary contribution from "Hope Chapel Foursquare Church" (the church).