

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY**

CHRISTOPHER A. HANSON,
individually and as attorney for
himself and next friend and attorney
for his two minor children,
Petitioners,

vs.

Case No.: 01-2026-CA-1794

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD
OF TRUSTEES, and CUSTODIAN
OF PUBLIC RECORDS, UNIVERSITY
OF FLORIDA,
Respondents.

ORDER DENYING PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Petitioner's "Verified Petition for Writ of Mandamus to Compel Compliance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and Article I, Section 24, Florida Constitution, and for Attorney's Fees and Costs," filed June 4, 2026. Respondents filed a response in opposition on July 7, 2026. On July 14, 2026, Petitioner filed a reply.

A Zoom remote hearing was held on the petition on September 2, 2026. At the hearing's conclusion, Respondents were ordered to produce any documents that had been withheld to the Court for an in-camera inspection within five days. Both parties were also given leave to file written closing arguments within fifteen days.

On September 2, 2026, Respondents produced 538 pages to the Court via email for in-camera inspection. On September 14, 2026, Petitioner's Closing Argument and Legal Brief was filed. On September 17, 2026, Respondents' Closing Argument and Legal Brief was filed.

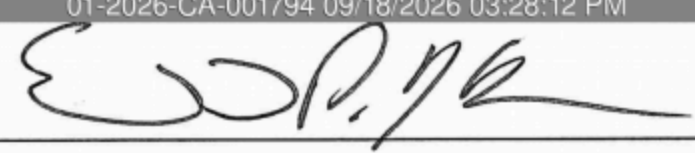
Having reviewed the petition, response and reply as well as the other filings in the court file, having conducted an in-camera inspection of the documents produced by Respondents, and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Court finds as follows:

A writ of mandamus will issue when the petitioner demonstrates a clear legal right to the requested relief, and that respondent is required by law to perform that ministerial duty. *Plymel v. Moore*, 770 So. 2d 242, 246 (Fla. 1st DCA 2000). Petitioner alleges that Respondents have withheld non-exempt records responsive to Petitioner's public records request and seeks to enforce his right of access to public records.

Public records are “‘materials that have been prepared with the intent of perpetuating or formulating knowledge’ in connection with the transaction of official agency business.” *Bent v. State*, 46 So.3d 1047, 1049 (Fla. 4th DCA 2010). *See also* § 119.011(12), Fla. Stat. Having conducted an in-camera review of the materials generated by the search terms provided to Respondents by Petitioner, the Court finds that all materials requested by Petitioner that meet the definition of a public record were produced to Petitioner prior to the filing of this action. Therefore, Petitioner has not demonstrated a clear legal to the relief requested and extraordinary relief is inappropriate.

It is therefore **ORDERED**: The petition is hereby **DENIED**.

DONE and ORDERED on Friday, September 18, 2026.

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David P. Kreider, Circuit Judge
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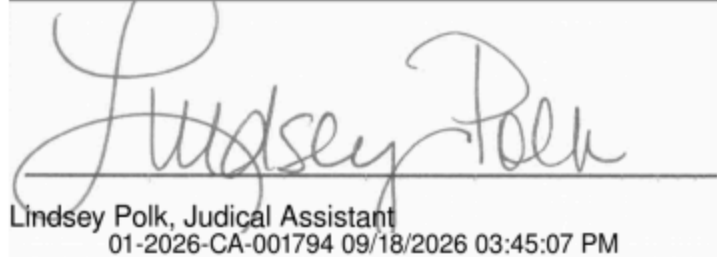
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