

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9-25

By the Governor

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2025, the Governor of West Virginia will appoint Eric Nelson of Kanawha County, West Virginia as the Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Revenue pending confirmation of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Division of Financial Institutions is among the agencies incorporated in and administered as part of the Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, Eric Nelson also sits on the board of a state chartered bank regulated by the West Virginia Division of Financial Institutions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that state government officials avoid not only actual ethical conflicts of interest but even the appearance of impropriety; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 11B, Article 1, Section 7 of the West Virginia Code allows an agency under the Department of Revenue to address issues to the Office of the Governor where the Department of Revenue's oversight "may interfere with the successful functioning" of the agency; and

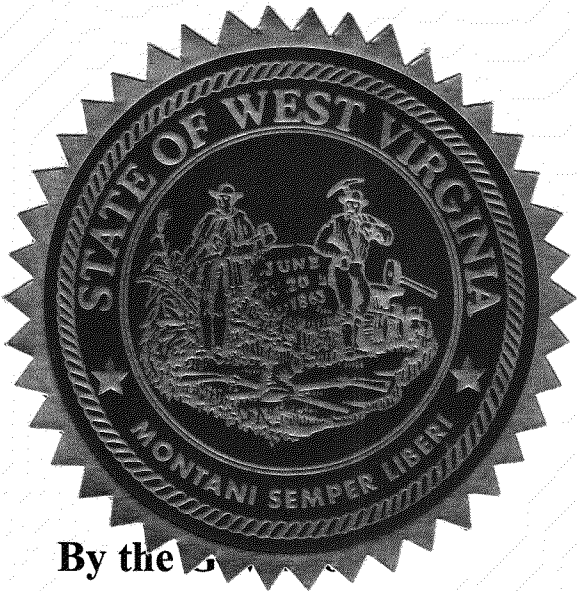
WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of West Virginia vests "chief executive powers" of the State in the Governor and entrusts the Governor to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." W. Va. Const. art. VII, § 5 (1872).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISEY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **DIRECT** and **ORDER** that:

1. Department of Revenue and Division of Financial Institutions shall immediately create an ethical wall whereby the Cabinet Secretary and all employees of the Department of Revenue shall be screened and walled off from any decision, document, or communication related to the operations of the Division of Financial Institutions;

2. Division of Financial Institutions shall, effective immediately, report directly to the Office of the Governor instead of to the Department of Revenue; and
3. Office of Technology shall cooperate with the Office of the Governor, Department of Revenue, and Division of Financial Institutions to set up any electronic or digital screens and walls necessary to effectuate this Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



By the _____

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Fifteenth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five in the One Hundred Sixty-Second Year of the State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patrick Morley".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kris Warner".

SECRETARY OF STATE