

# Executive Branch Personnel

## Public Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 278e)

### Filer's Information

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**Elston, Michael J**

Assoc. Gen. Counsel/Chief Ethics & Compliance Off., U.S. Postal Service

Report Year: 2019

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Other Federal Government Positions Held During the Preceding 12 Months:

Secretary of the Board of Governors (acting) (6/2018 - Present)

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Electronic Signature - I certify that the statements I have made in this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**/s/ Elston, Michael J [electronically signed on 06/28/2019 by Elston, Michael J in Integrity.gov] - Filer received a 47 day filing extension.**

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Agency Ethics Official's Opinion - On the basis of information contained in this report, I conclude that the filer is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations (subject to any comments below).

**/s/ Brewster-Johnson, Jessica Y., Certifying Official [electronically signed on 07/22/2019 by Brewster-Johnson, Jessica Y. in Integrity.gov]**

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Other review conducted by

**/s/ O'Neil, Tamara M, Ethics Official [electronically signed on 07/02/2019 by O'Neil, Tamara M in Integrity.gov]**

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U.S. Office of Government Ethics Certification

Data Revised 07/22/2019

## 1. Filer's Positions Held Outside United States Government

#	ORGANIZATION NAME	CITY, STATE	ORGANIZATION TYPE	POSITION HELD	FROM	TO
1	Barbara E. Emanuel Trust No. 1	NA, Virginia	Trust	Trustee	6/1999	Present
2	George S. Knight/Kenneth C. Patty Memorial Trust of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution	NA, Virginia	Trust	Trustee	9/2012	Present
3	Sons of the American Revolution	Louisville, Kentucky	Non-Profit	Multiple	1/2009	Present
4	Sons of the American Revolution Foundation	Louisville, Kentucky	Non-Profit	Director	6/2015	Present
5	Children of the American Revolution	Washington, District of Columbia	Non-Profit	Multiple	3/2012	Present

## 2. Filer's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1	Author, "Grand Jury Law and Practice", Thomson West Publishing	N/A		Royalties	\$1,758
2	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Admiral Shares	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$1,001 - \$2,500
3	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Shares	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000
4	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Admiral Shares	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$1,001 - \$2,500
5	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		\$201 - \$1,000

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
6	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Admiral Shares	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
7	SPDR Portfolio Large Cap ETF	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

### 3. Filer's Employment Agreements and Arrangements

None

### 4. Filer's Sources of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 in a Year

(N/A) - Not required for this type of report

### 5. Spouse's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1	Prince William County Schools	N/A		salary	
2	Vanguard Dividend Growth Fund	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		\$201 - \$1,000
3	Vanguard International Explorer	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		\$1,001 - \$2,500
4	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Admiral	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000
5	Kimberly Clark	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
6	Paychex	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
7	Duke Real Estate	No	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
8	Prince William County Schools, defined benefit plan (value not readily ascertainable)	N/A			None (or less than \$201)
9	John Hancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
10	Vanguard Institutional Index	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		\$201 - \$1,000
11	Victory Sycamore Small Company Opportunity Fund	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		\$201 - \$1,000
12	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

## 6. Other Assets and Income

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
1	Virginia 529 Stock Index Portfolio	Yes	\$50,001 - \$100,000		None (or less than \$201)
2	Virginia 529 International Index	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
3	Virginia 529 Prepaid Education Program	N/A	\$50,001 - \$100,000		None (or less than \$201)
4	Oracle Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
5	Johnson & Johnson	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
6	Barclays plc	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
7	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Shares	Yes	\$100,001 - \$250,000		\$2,501 - \$5,000
8	Vanguard PRIMECAP	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		\$1,001 - \$2,500
9	Vanguard Prime Money Market	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
10	Walt Disney Co	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
11	Hershey Co.	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
12	Johnson & Johnson	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
13	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Admiral Shares	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		\$201 - \$1,000
14	General Electric Co	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
15	Union Pacific Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
16	Walt Disney Co	N/A	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
17	Duke Energy Corp	N/A	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
18	Aqua America	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
19	General Mills	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
20	McDonalds Corp	N/A	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
21	Exxon Mobil Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
22	Coca-Cola Co	N/A	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
23	JP Morgan Chase & Co	N/A	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000
24	PNC Bank (checking account)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
25	Duke Energy Premier Notes (savings)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	\$201 - \$1,000
26	Duke Energy Premier Notes (savings)	N/A	\$15,001 - \$50,000	Interest	\$201 - \$1,000
27	HSBC Holdings plc	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
28	3M Co	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
29	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
30	Vanguard Small Cap Value Index Fund	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
31	Cincinnati Financial Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
32	Eaton Corp plc	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
33	BNY Mellon (stock)	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
34	Welltower Inc	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
35	Wisconsin Energy Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
36	Virginia 529 Stable Value Portfolio	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		None (or less than \$201)

#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
37	Diageo plc	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
38	AstraZeneca plc	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
39	Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. - Ordinary Shares	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
40	Nvidia Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
41	Cognex Corporation - Common Stock	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
42	AFLAC Inc	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
43	Dover Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
44	Vanguard Small-Cap Value Index Fund	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
45	Vanguard Small-Cap Value Index Admiral Shares	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
46	Microsoft Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
47	Illinois Tool Works Inc	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
48	Realty Income Corp	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
49	Procter & Gamble	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)
50	Energy Transfer LP	N/A	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)



#	DESCRIPTION	EIF	VALUE	INCOME TYPE	INCOME AMOUNT
51	Virginia 529 Stable Value Portfolio	Yes	\$15,001 - \$50,000		None (or less than \$201)
52	Vanguard Small-Cap Growth Index Admiral	Yes	\$1,001 - \$15,000		None (or less than \$201)

## 7. Transactions

#	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	DATE	AMOUNT
1	Energy Transfer Partners LP	Purchase	01/17/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
2	Virginia 529 REIT Index	Sale	9/4/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
3	Virginia 529 Stock Index	Purchase	9/4/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
4	Virginia 529 Stable Value Portfolio	Purchase	9/4/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
5	Virginia 529 FDIC Insured Portfolio	Sale	1/4/2018	\$15,001 - \$50,000
6	Virginia 529 Stable Value Portfolo	Purchase	1/4/2018	\$15,001 - \$50,000
7	Vanguard Equity Income Fund	Sale	8/23/2018	\$15,001 - \$50,000
8	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Admiral Shares	Purchase	8/23/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
9	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Admiral Shares	Purchase	8/23/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
10	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Admiral Shares	Purchase	8/23/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
11	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral Shares	Purchase	8/23/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
12	Vanguard Small-Cap Growth Index Admiral	Purchase	12/24/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
13	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Sale	12/24/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000

#	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	DATE	AMOUNT
14	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Purchase	12/17/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
15	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Sale	9/26/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
16	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Purchase	9/25/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
17	Vanguard Prime Money Market	Sale	9/25/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
18	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Sale	1/2/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
19	SPDR Portfolio Large Cap ETF	Purchase	4/26/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000
20	Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index	Sale	08/28/2018	\$1,001 - \$15,000

## 8. Liabilities

None

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## 9. Gifts and Travel Reimbursements

None

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## Endnotes

# Summary of Contents

## 1. Filer's Positions Held Outside United States Government

Part 1 discloses positions that the filer held at any time during the reporting period (excluding positions with the United States Government). Positions are reportable even if the filer did not receive compensation.

This section does not include the following: (1) positions with religious, social, fraternal, or political organizations; (2) positions solely of an honorary nature; (3) positions held as part of the filer's official duties with the United States Government; (4) mere membership in an organization; and (5) passive investment interests as a limited partner or non-managing member of a limited liability company.

## 2. Filer's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts

Part 2 discloses the following:

- Sources of earned and other non-investment income of the filer totaling more than \$200 during the reporting period (e.g., salary, fees, partnership share, honoraria, scholarships, and prizes)
- Assets related to the filer's business, employment, or other income-generating activities (1) that ended the reporting period with a value greater than \$1,000 or (2) from which more than \$200 in income was received during the reporting period (e.g., equity in business or partnership, stock options, retirement plans/accounts and their underlying holdings as appropriate, deferred compensation, and intellectual property, such as book deals and patents)

This section does not include assets or income from United States Government employment or assets that were acquired separately from the filer's business, employment, or other income-generating activities (e.g., assets purchased through a brokerage account). Note: The type of income is not required if the amount of income is \$0 - \$200 or if the asset qualifies as an excepted investment fund (EIF).

## 3. Filer's Employment Agreements and Arrangements

Part 3 discloses agreements or arrangements that the filer had during the reporting period with an employer or former employer (except the United States Government), such as the following:

- Future employment
- Leave of absence
- Continuing payments from an employer, including severance and payments not yet received for previous work (excluding ordinary salary from a current employer)
- Continuing participation in an employee welfare, retirement, or other benefit plan, such as pensions or a deferred compensation plan
- Retention or disposition of employer-awarded equity, sharing in profits or carried interests (e.g., vested and unvested stock options, restricted stock, future share of a company's profits, etc.)

#### **4. Filer's Sources of Compensation Exceeding \$5,000 in a Year**

Part 4 discloses sources (except the United States Government) that paid more than \$5,000 in a calendar year for the filer's services during any year of the reporting period.

The filer discloses payments both from employers and from any clients to whom the filer personally provided services. The filer discloses a source even if the source made its payment to the filer's employer and not to the filer. The filer does not disclose a client's payment to the filer's employer if the filer did not provide the services for which the client is paying.

#### **5. Spouse's Employment Assets & Income and Retirement Accounts**

Part 5 discloses the following:

- Sources of earned income (excluding honoraria) for the filer's spouse totaling more than \$1,000 during the reporting period (e.g., salary, consulting fees, and partnership share)
- Sources of honoraria for the filer's spouse greater than \$200 during the reporting period
- Assets related to the filer's spouse's employment, business activities, other income-generating activities (1) that ended the reporting period with a value greater than \$1,000 or (2) from which more than \$200 in income was received during the reporting period (e.g., equity in business or partnership, stock options, retirement plans/accounts and their underlying holdings as appropriate, deferred compensation, and intellectual property, such as book deals and patents)

This section does not include assets or income from United States Government employment or assets that were acquired separately from the filer's spouse's business, employment, or other income-generating activities (e.g., assets purchased through a brokerage account). Note: The type of income is not required if the amount of income is \$0 - \$200 or if the asset qualifies as an excepted investment fund (EIF). Amounts of income are not required for a spouse's earned income (excluding honoraria).

#### **6. Other Assets and Income**

Part 6 discloses each asset, not already reported, (1) that ended the reporting period with a value greater than \$1,000 or (2) from which more than \$200 in investment income was received during the reporting period. For purposes of the value and income thresholds, the filer aggregates the filer's interests with those of the filer's spouse and dependent children.

This section does not include the following types of assets: (1) a personal residence (unless it was rented out during the reporting period); (2) income or retirement benefits associated with United States Government employment (e.g., Thrift Savings Plan); and (3) cash accounts (e.g., checking, savings, money market accounts) at a single financial institution with a value of \$5,000 or less (unless more than \$200 in income was received). Additional exceptions apply. Note: The type of income is not required if the amount of income is \$0 - \$200 or if the asset qualifies as an excepted investment fund (EIF).

## 7. Transactions

Part 7 discloses purchases, sales, or exchanges of real property or securities in excess of \$1,000 made on behalf of the filer, the filer's spouse or dependent child during reporting period.

This section does not include transactions that concern the following: (1) a personal residence, unless rented out; (2) cash accounts (e.g., checking, savings, CDs, money market accounts) and money market mutual funds; (3) Treasury bills, bonds, and notes; and (4) holdings within a federal Thrift Savings Plan account. Additional exceptions apply.

## 8. Liabilities

Part 8 discloses liabilities over \$10,000 that the filer, the filer's spouse or dependent child owed at any time during the reporting period.

This section does not include the following types of liabilities: (1) mortgages on a personal residence, unless rented out (limitations apply for PAS filers); (2) loans secured by a personal motor vehicle, household furniture, or appliances, unless the loan exceeds the item's purchase price; and (3) revolving charge accounts, such as credit card balances, if the outstanding liability did not exceed \$10,000 at the end of the reporting period. Additional exceptions apply.

## 9. Gifts and Travel Reimbursements

This section discloses:

- Gifts totaling more than \$390 that the filer, the filer's spouse, and dependent children received from any one source during the reporting period.
- Travel reimbursements totaling more than \$390 that the filer, the filer's spouse, and dependent children received from any one source during the reporting period.

For purposes of this section, the filer need not aggregate any gift or travel reimbursement with a value of \$156 or less. Regardless of the value, this section does not include the following items: (1) anything received from relatives; (2) anything received from the United States Government or from the District of Columbia, state, or local governments; (3) bequests and other forms of inheritance; (4) gifts and travel reimbursements given to the filer's agency in connection with the filer's official travel; (5) gifts of hospitality (food, lodging, entertainment) at the donor's residence or personal premises; and (6) anything received by the filer's spouse or dependent children totally independent of their relationship to the filer. Additional exceptions apply.

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