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**JCOPE SETTLES PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW VIOLATION WITH
FORMER SENIOR NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY OFFICIAL**

Former NYCTA Vice President Sought Help from Subordinate to Get Son a Job

(ALBANY, NY) January 19, 2017 -- The Joint Commission on Public Ethics (“Commission”) today announced that it has reached a settlement agreement over alleged Public Officers Law violations with Sidney Gellineau, currently the Chief Information Officer for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“MTA”).

Gellineau agreed to pay a \$3,000 fine and admitted that at the time he was Vice President of Technology and Information Services for New York City Transit, he used his official position to seek special favors or privileges for himself or others. In this case, Gellineau asked a subordinate if he knew of any available jobs for Gellineau’s son. The subordinate contacted a New York City Transit vendor over whom he had oversight to inquire about work for Gellineau’s son, who the vendor eventually hired.

“The Public Officers Law clearly states you cannot use your position to get special privileges for yourself or a relative, and that includes not asking a subordinate to help you gain those privileges,” noted Commission Executive Director Seth Agata.

The MTA Office of the Inspector General referred the matter to the Commission for its consideration and eventual investigation.

To read the Commission’s settlement agreement with Sidney Gellineau, click [here](#).