

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1015 HALF STREET, S.E., SUITE 775
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20003**

IN THE MATTER OF

Lannette Woodruff for School Board
Lamont Harrell, Treasurer
3521 21st Street, SE
Washington, DC 20020

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) Date: April 24, 2019
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) Docket No: 19C-012
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ORDER

Statement of the Case

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance, Office of the General Counsel following a determination by its Public Information and Records Management Division that **LAMONT HARRELL, TREASURER** of the Lannette Woodruff for School Board Principal Campaign Committee ("committee"), failed to timely file the January 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures by the extended filing date on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, District of Columbia Official Code § 1-1163.09(b) (January 2015) and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR § 3017.2 (May 2015).

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated March 6, 2019 and March 26, 2019, the Office of Campaign Finance ordered Lamont Harrell to appear at a scheduled hearing on March 21, 2019 and April 10, 2019 and show cause why the committee should not be found in violation of the D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(b) (January 2015) and 3 DCMR § 3017.2 (May 2015), and fined accordingly.

Summary of Evidence

On July 28, 2016, Lamont Harrell ("Respondent") registered as treasurer of the Lannette Woodruff committee with the Office of Campaign Finance ("OCF"). As the treasurer, the Respondent had the duty to file Reports of Receipts and Expenditures ("Report") with OCF, when scheduled. On January 10, 2019, the Public Information and Records Management Division ("PIRM") mailed a reminder letter to the Respondent that reminded the Respondent to file the January 31st Report by Thursday, January 31, 2019. However, the Respondent failed to comply. On February 7, 2019, PIRM mailed a noncompliance letter to the Respondent that instructed the Respondent to file the January 31st Report by an extended filing date on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Again, the Respondent failed to comply. Therefore, PIRM referred the filing violation to the Office of the General Counsel ("OGC") for enforcement.

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On March 6, 2019, the OGC served upon the Respondent, via regular mail, a notice of hearing that ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled hearing on March 21, 2019. The Respondent failed to appear at the hearing on March 21, 2019 and had not filed the January 31st Report. On March 26, 2019, the OGC served another notice of hearing upon the Respondent, via regular and certified mail that ordered the Respondent to appear at a rescheduled hearing on April 10, 2019. Again, the Respondent failed to appear at the scheduled hearing. As of April 10, 2019, the January 31st Report became thirty-six (36) days past due. To date, the Respondent remains in noncompliance with the January 31st Report filing and has a repeated history of delinquent filings.

Findings of Fact

Having reviewed the allegations and the record herein, I find:

1. The Respondent is the treasurer of the Lannette Woodruff for School Board Principal Campaign Committee.
2. As treasurer, the Respondent had a duty to file the January 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures on January 31, 2019.
3. The Respondent failed to file the January 31st Report on January 31, 2019, and also failed to file the report by the extended filing date on February 19, 2019.
4. The Respondent received notice to appear at a scheduled hearing on March 21, 2019 and April 10, 2019.
5. The Respondent failed to appear at either scheduled hearings on March 21, 2019 or April 10, 2019.
6. As of April 10, 2019, the Respondent had failed to file the January 31st Report, which became thirty-six (36) days past due.
7. To date, the Respondent remains in noncompliance with the January 31st Report filing and has a repeated history of delinquent filings.

Conclusions of Law

Based on the record provided by OCF, I therefore conclude:

1. The Respondent violated D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09)(b) (2015) and 3 DCMR § 3017.2 (May 2015).
2. 3 DCMR § 3711.2(f) establishes a fifty dollar (\$50) fine for failure to timely file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures³ DCMR § 3711.1 maintains that a fine shall attach for each day of noncompliance; up to a maximum of **\$1,800.00**, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.35(a)(3).
3. The Director may ministerially impose fines upon the candidate, treasurer, committee, or designated agent, pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.1.
4. For good cause shown pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.7, the Director of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss or suspend any fine.
5. The Respondent is the treasurer of the Lannette Woodruff for School Board Principal Campaign Committee.
6. As treasurer, the Respondent had a duty to file the January 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures on January 31, 2019.
7. The Respondent failed to file the January 31st Report on January 31, 2019, and also failed to file the report by the extended filing date on February 19, 2019.
8. The Respondent failed to appear at either scheduled hearings on March 21, 2019 or April 10, 2019.
9. As of April 10, 2019, the Respondent had failed to file the January 31st Report, which became thirty-six (36) days past due.
10. To date, the Respondent remains in noncompliance with the January 31st Report filing and has a repeated history of delinquent filings.

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Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, I HEREBY RECOMMEND that the Director IMPOSE a fine in the amount of \$1,800 against the Lannette Woodruff for School Board Committee in this matter.

April 24, 2019
Date

Kalvanetta K. Peete
Kalvanetta K. Peete
Hearing Officer

Concurrence

In view of the foregoing, I hereby CONCUR with the Recommendation.

April 24, 2019
Date

William O. Sanford
William O. Sanford
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

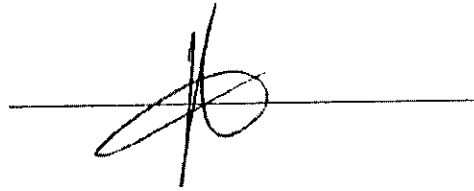
IT IS ORDERED that a fine in the amount of \$1,800 SHALL BE IMPOSED against the Lannette Woodruff for School Board Committee in this matter.

April 24, 2019
Date

Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a true copy of the **ORDER** has been served on Lamont Harrell, via regular and certified mail at 3521 21st Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020 on this 24th day of April 2019.

A handwritten signature, possibly reading "J. B.", is written over a horizontal line.

Notice

Any party adversely affected by an Order of the Director may: (1) file a Motion for Reconsideration (Motion) with the OCF within five (5) days after receipt of an Order, provided that, relevant evidence was omitted from consideration at the hearing (3 DCMR § 3709.13); or (2) obtain review of the Order by filing a request for a hearing *de novo* with the Board of Elections within fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of an Order. Any fine imposed by the Director, pursuant to § 3711.2 shall become effective on the sixteenth (16th) day following the issuance of a decision or Order; provided that, the Respondent does not request a hearing *de novo* with the Board of Elections. Fines imposed shall be paid within ten (10) days of the effective date of the issued Order of the Director. Make payment by check or money order, payable to: District of Columbia Treasurer. Send payment to the *Office of Campaign Finance, 1015 Half Street S.E., Suite 775, Washington, DC 20003*.