

**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

Keith R. Hasan Towery
ANC Candidate, ANC 7B04
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Date: September 25, 2025

Docket No: 2025-A-017

ORDER

Statement of the Case

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”) Office of the General Counsel following a determination by its Public Information and Records Management Division that: Keith R. Hasan Towery, Candidate for ANC 7B04 in the General Election 2024 failed to timely file the ANC Financial Summary Statement that was due on February 3, 2025 in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR §§ 3002.6 and 3002.7 (July 2019).

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated July 3, 2025, the Office of the General Counsel ordered Keith R. Hasan Towery (“Respondent”) to appear at a scheduled hearing on July 18, 2025, and show cause why the Respondent should not be found in violation of District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR §§ 3002.6 and 3002.7 (July 2019) and fined accordingly.

Summary of Evidence

On December 24, 2024, the Public Information and Records Management (“PIRM”) Division emailed a Reminder Notice to the Respondent to file the ANC Financial Summary Statement. Initial Notices of Non-Compliance were emailed to the Respondent on March 6, 2025, March 19, 2025, and April 9, 2025, extending the deadline to April 18, 2025. However, the Respondent failed to comply after the afore-mentioned Notices. Consequently, the Respondent’s apparent disregard to adhere to the filing requirements under the Campaign Finance Laws demonstrated sufficient cause to refer the alleged violation to the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) for possible enforcement.

On July 3, 2025, OGC issued a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Violations via email and U.S. regular mail to the Respondent. The Notice explained that the Respondent had to file the ANC Financial Summary Statement by July 11, 2025, and attend the hearing on July 18, 2025, to show cause why Respondent should not be fined for failing to file the ANC Financial Summary Statement by the deadline.

Findings of Fact

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

1. The Respondent was an ANC Candidate for ANC 7B04.
2. Initial Notices of Non-Compliance were emailed to the Respondent on March 6, 2025, March 19, 2025, and April 9, 2025, extending the deadline to April 18, 2025.
3. Respondent did not comply.
4. By a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Violations dated July 3, 2025, OGC ordered the Respondent to file the ANC Summary Financial Statement by July 11, 2025, and appear at a virtual hearing on July 18, 2025, to show cause why Respondent had not timely filed the ANC Summary Financial Statement and should not be fined accordingly.
5. Respondent did not appear at the virtual hearing.
6. By a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Violations dated September 3, 2025, OGC ordered the Respondent to file the ANC Summary Financial Statement by September 15, 2025, and appear at a virtual hearing on September 18, 2025, to show cause why Respondent had not timely filed the ANC Summary Financial Statement and should not be fined accordingly.
7. Respondent filed the ANC Summary Financial Statement on September 9, 2025.
8. Respondent attended the hearing and testified that he experienced technical issues with logging into the system to file the ANC Summary Financial Statement.
9. Respondent testified that he contacted OCF, was given instructions to access the filing system; continued to have technical issues, and was provided a PDF version of the ANC Summary Financial Statement in May, 2025.
10. Respondent also testified that he completed the PDF version of the form.
11. The ANC Summary Financial Statement was submitted to OCF on or about September 9, 2025.
12. Respondent is now compliant.
13. Respondent experienced issues receiving email to his work address and the email address provided to the Board of Elections, and provided an alternative email address upon request.

Conclusions of Law

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

1. Respondent violated 3 D.C.M.R. §§ 3002.6 and 3002.7 (July 2019).
2. 3 DCMR §§ 3711.2(s), 3711.5, and 3711.6, established a fifty-dollar (\$50) fine per day, not including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, for non-compliance up to a maximum of \$4,000.

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3. The Director may ministerially impose fines upon the candidate, Treasurer/Candidate, committee, or designated agent pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.1.
4. For good cause shown pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.8, the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss, or suspend any fine.
5. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the ANC Financial Summary Statement by the extended filing date of April 18, 2025, but failed to comply.
6. Respondent filed the ANC Financial Summary Statement on September 9, 2025, and can be fined up to ninety-eight (98) days for a maximum fine of \$ 4,000, in this matter.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, I HEREBY RECOMMEND that the Director suspend the \$ 4,000 fine against Keith R. Hasan Towery, ANC Candidate, for good cause, in this matter.

September 25 2025

Date

/s/ Nereida Gonzalez

Nereida Gonzalez

Attorney Advisor

Concurrence

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

September 25, 2025

Date

/s/ William O. SanFord

William O. SanFord

General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that the fine for \$ 4,000 against Keith R. Hasan Towery, ANC Candidate, shall be suspended in this matter.

September 25, 2025

Date

/s/ Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery

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Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a true copy of the **ORDER** has been served to Keith R. Hasan Towery, Candidate ANC 7B04 via USPS mail at 3428 N Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20019 and electronic mail at Towerykr@gmail.com on this 25th day of September, 2025.

/s/ Nereida Gonzalez

Nereida Gonzalez

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/Candidate. Send payment to the *Office of Campaign Finance, 1015 Half Street S.E., Suite 775, Washington, DC 20003*.