

**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

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Date: April 8, 2025

SEIU, MD/DC State Council
Daniel Fields Jr., Treasurer
643 14th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
seiu722@aol.com

Docket No: 2024 P-034

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: **Daniel Fields Jr., Treasurer** of the SEIU, MD/DC State Council (“committee”), failed to timely file the 8 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on October 28, 2024, in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, District of Columbia Official Code § 1-1163.09 et. seq. and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR § 3017.2 et. seq.

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated January 15, 2025, the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) ordered Daniel Fields Jr., (“Respondent”) to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on January 28, 2025 and show cause why the Respondent should not be found in violation of the D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09 et. seq. and 3 DCMR § 3017.2 et. seq. and fined accordingly.

Summary of Evidence

On January 28, 2024, David Dzidzienyo (“David”), Executive Director appeared pro se on behalf of the Respondent, to answer the alleged filing violation. Laura McQueen, Legal Instruments Examiner, appeared on behalf of the Office of Campaign Finance (“OCF”). Ms. McQueen testified that the Respondent failed to timely file the 8 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on October 28, 2024, in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, District of Columbia Official Code § 1-1163.09 et. seq. and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR § 3017.2 et. seq.

David testified that it was unclear whether the committee was required to file the 8 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures (“8 Day Report”) on October 28, 2024, so soon after filing the October 10th Report on October 10, 2024. David further testified that when he received the reminder to file notice, he assumed that the notice was sent by mistake. David explained that he had never filed two (2) reports in the same month; and therefore, overlooked the notice. David further explained that he is new to the position and was not aware of the different reports to file during an election year versus a non-election year.

However, upon receipt of the hearing notice from OGC, David consulted with the Respondent to complete the delinquent filing. The 8 Day Report was filed on January 26, 2025. The committee is now compliant with the reporting and filing requirements under the Campaign Finance Laws.

Findings of Fact

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

1. The Respondent is the treasurer of the SEIU, MD/DC State Council Political Action Committee.
2. David Dzidzienyo is the Executive Director of the SEIU, MD/DC State Council Political Action Committee.
3. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the 8 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures by October 28, 2024.
4. The Respondent failed to file the report on October 28, 2024.
5. By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated January 15, 2025, the Hearing Examiner ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on January 28, 2025, to respond to the alleged violations.
6. David appeared at the scheduled hearing on behalf of the Respondent and provided a credible explanation for the untimely filing of the 8 Day Pre-General Report. In summary, David explained that he overlooked the reminder to file notice because he thought it was sent by mistake since he had just filed the October 10th Report in the same month.
7. David filed the 8 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures on January 26, 2025, sixty-six (66) days past due.
8. The committee is now compliant with the rules under the Campaign Finance Act and does not have a repeated history of other delinquent report 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)(a)(1)(b) and 3 DCMR § 3017.2
2. 3 DCMR § 3711.2(f) established a fifty-dollar (\$50) fine, per day, for failure to timely file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures.

3. 3 DCMR § 3711.1 maintains that a fine shall attach for each day of noncompliance; up to a maximum of **\$3,300.00**, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.35(a)(3).
4. The Director may ministerially impose fines upon the candidate, treasurer, committee, or designated agent, pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.1.
5. For good cause shown pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.8, the Director of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss, or suspend any fine.
6. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the 8 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures on October 28, 2024, but failed to comply.
7. David appeared on behalf of the Respondent at the scheduled hearing and provided a credible explanation for the untimely filing of the 8 Day Report.
8. David filed the 8 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures on January 26, 2025, which had accrued sixty-six (66) days of noncompliance; excluding holidays and weekends.
9. The committee is now compliant with the rules under the Campaign Finance Act and does not have a history of other delinquent report filings.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, **I HEREBY RECOMMEND** that the Director **SUSPEND** the imposition of any fine against Daniel Fields Jr., Treasurer and SEIU, MD/DC State Council in this matter.

April 8, 2025

Date

/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete

Kalvanetta K. Peete
Hearing Officer

Concurrence

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

April 8, 2025

Date

/s/ William O. SanFord

William O. SanFord
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that the imposition of any fine is hereby **SUSPENDED** against Daniel Fields Jr., Treasurer and SEIU, MD/DC State Council in this matter.

<u>April 8, 2025</u>	<u>/s/ Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery</u>
Date	Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a true copy of the **ORDER** has been served on Daniel Fields Jr., Treasurer, via electronic mail to: seiu722@aol.com on this 8th day of April 2025.

/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete
Kalvanetta K. Peete

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*.