

**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

Metropolitan Washington PAC  
Jeanne Clarke, Treasurer  
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) Date: June 9, 2025  
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) Docket No: 2024 P-033  
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**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: **Margaret G. Jeffers, Former Treasurer** of the Metropolitan Washington Political Action Committee (“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 Margaret Jeffers, (“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 15, 2025, OGC issued notice to the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on January 28, 2025. In the notice, OGC offered the Respondent the opportunity to submit a written Statement of Explanation (“Statement”) in lieu of appearing at the scheduled hearing on January 28, 2025, that explained the reason(s) for the untimely filing of the 8 Day Report.

On January 16, 2025, the new treasurer Jeanne Clarke (“Clarke”) provided an explanation for the untimely filing of the report instead of appearing at the scheduled hearing on January 28, 2025. Clarke explained that the filing was inadvertently missed because she was not aware that the committee was required to file an 8 Day Report because she did not receive a reminder email from OCF. However, upon notice of the missed filing from OGC, Clarke filed the 8 Day Report on January 16, 2025. Thus, the committee is now compliant with the filing requirements and does not have a significant history of other delinquent filings.

**Findings of Fact**

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

1. The Respondent is the former treasurer of the Metropolitan Washington Political Action Committee.
2. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the 8 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures by October 28, 2024.
3. The Respondent failed to file the 8 Day Pre-General Report on October 28, 2024.
4. By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated January 15, 2025, OGC ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on January 28, 2025, to respond to the alleged violations.
5. On January 16, 2025, Clarke provided a written Statement of Explanation to explain the reason why the 8 Day Report had been filed late.
6. Clarke explained that she was unaware of the 8 Day Report filing requirement because she did not receive a reminder email from OCF about the filing requirement.
7. The 8 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Expenditures was filed on January 16, 2025.
8. The committee is now compliant with the filing requirements and does not have a significant 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 **\$2,650.00**, 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. On January 16, 2025, Clarke provided a written explanation for the late filing of the 8 Day Report. In addition, Clarke filed the 8 Day Report on January 16, 2025.
8. The committee is now compliant with the filing requirements and does not have a significant 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 Margaret G. Jeffers, Former Treasurer and the Metropolitan Washington Political Action Committee in this matter.

June 9, 2025

Date

*/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete*

**Kalvanetta K. Peete**  
**Hearing Officer**

**Concurrence**

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

June 9, 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 Margaret G. Jeffers, Former Treasurer, and the Metropolitan Washington Political Action Committee in this matter.

June 9, 2025

Date

*/s/ 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 Jeanne Clarke, via electronic mail at: jclarke@aoba-metro.org on this 9th day of April 2025.

*/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete*

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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 (16<sup>th</sup>) 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*.