

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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IN THE MATTER OF)	Date: October 5, 2018
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Patterson for Ward 8)	Docket No: 18C-046
Treasurer Jacque Patterson)	
3521 21 st Street, SE)	
Washington, D.C. 20020)	

ORDER

Statement of 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 (“PIRM”) that Treasurer, Jacque Patterson of the Patterson for Ward 8 principal campaign committee failed to timely file the **July 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures** (“R&E report”), pursuant to the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(b) (2012) and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 DCMR § 3017.2 (August 2013), which was due by the OCF sanctioned extended deadline of August 16, 2018.

Summary of Evidence

By Notices of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated August 30, 2018, and September 19, 2018, OCF ordered Respondent to appear at scheduled hearings on September 18, 2018, and October 3, 2018 and show cause why he should not be found in violation of D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(b) (2012) and fined accordingly for failing to file the July 31st R&E report with OCF by August 16, 2018.

The Notice of Hearing dated August 30, 2018 was mailed to Respondent’s address of record via regular mail. The Second Notice of Hearing which was dated September 19, 2018 was mailed to Respondent’s address of record by both regular and certified mail.

Respondent has failed to file the July 31st R&E report and has failed to appear for both scheduled hearings. Respondent’s committee is not in compliance with the filing requirements set forth in D.C. Official Code section 1-1163.09(b).

Findings of Fact

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

1. Respondent is Treasurer for the Patterson for Ward 8 Principal Campaign committee.
2. Respondent was required to file the July 31st R&E report by August 16, 2018.
3. By Notices of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated August 30, 2018, and September 19, 2018, OCF ordered Respondent to appear at scheduled hearings on September 18, 2018, and October 3, 2018 and show cause why he should not be found in violation of D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(b) (2012) and fined accordingly for failing to file the July 31st R&E report with OCF by August 16, 2018.
4. The Notice of Hearing dated August 30, 2018 was mailed to Respondent's address of record via regular mail. The Second Notice of Hearing which was dated September 19, 2018 was mailed to Respondent's address of record by both regular and certified mail.
5. Respondent failed to appear for both scheduled informal hearings.
6. Respondent has failed to file the July 31st R&E report with OCF.
7. Respondent's committee is not in compliance with the filing requirements set forth in D.C. Official Code section 1-1163.09(b).

Conclusion of Law

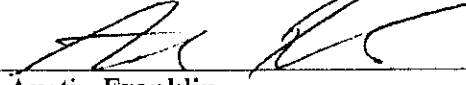
Based upon the record provided by OCF, I therefore conclude:

1. The Committee violated D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(b) and 3 DCMR § 3403.2.
2. The penalty established by 3 DCMR § 3711.2(f) for failure to file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures with OCF, as required by D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(b), is a fine of \$50.00 per day for each business day subsequent to the due date.
3. Under the given facts, the Committee may be fined a total of \$500.00
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. Respondent has failed to provide an explanation constituting good cause for suspension of a fine.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, **I HEREBY RECOMMEND** that the Director impose a fine in this matter in the amount of \$500.00.

October 5, 2018
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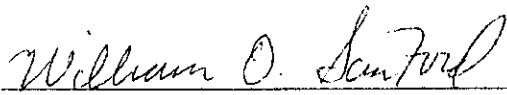


Austin Franklin
Hearing Examiner

Concurrence

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

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William O. Sanford
General Counsel

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ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

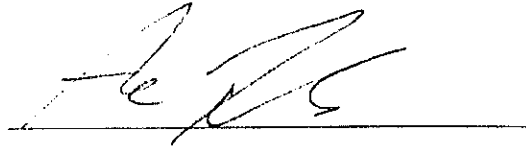
IT IS ORDERED that the fine in this matter is hereby imposed.

October 5, 2018
Date

Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
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Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a true copy of the **ORDER** has been served on Treasurer Jacque Patterson, via regular and certified mail at 3521 21st Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020 on this 5th day of October, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. J. S.', 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 SE, Suite 775, Washington, DC 20003.