

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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IN THE MATTER OF)	
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Snapper Ward 8 Brown Campaign Committee)	
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Michael Brown, Candidate)	Docket No.: 2024-C-047
1550 Harry Thomas Way, NE – Apt. 220)	
Washington, DC 20002)	
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Michael Brown, Treasurer)	October 16, 2025
1550 Harry Thomas Way, NE – Apt. 220)	
Washington, DC 20002)	

ORDER

Statement of the Case

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) Office of the General Counsel (OGC) following a determination by its Public Information and Records Management Division (PIRM) that Michael Brown, Candidate and Treasurer of the Snapper Ward 8 Brown Campaign, a Principal Campaign Committee (Committee), (Respondents) failed to timely file the December 10th 2024 Report of Receipts and Expenditures (December 10th, 2024 Report) that was due by December 10th, 2024, in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011. As a courtesy, a reminder notice was sent to the Candidate and Treasurer on November 25, 2024.

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance (Notice) dated February 21, 2025 and June 13, 2025, ordered Respondents to show cause at a scheduled, virtual hearing why they should not be found in violation of the D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09, et. seq., 3 DCMR § 3017.2. et. seq. and subject to penalties pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.35, et. seq. and 3 DCMR § 3711, et. seq., and fined accordingly.

Summary of Evidence

Respondents failed to timely file the December 10th, 2024 Report. Based upon Respondents' failure to timely file the required December 10th, 2024 Report no later than December 10, 2024,

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the committee was referred to OGC for enforcement. On February 21, 2025 and June 13, 2025, OGC issued a Notice to Respondents, scheduling a virtual hearing on March 7, 2025 and June 26, 2025. A hearing was held and Candidate appeared at the hearing. The Attorney Advisor, Nereida Gonzalez, and Patrick Walker, representative for PIRM, attended the hearing.

Findings of Fact

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

1. Respondent, Michael Brown is the Candidate and Treasurer of the Snapper Ward 8 Brown Campaign Committee, a Principal Campaign Committee.
2. At all times pertinent, Respondent was required to file the December 10th, 2024 Report, by the filing date, December 10, 2024.
3. Respondent did attend the OCF Mandatory Entrance Conference.
4. Respondents' Notices were sent on February 21, 2025 and June 13, 2025.
5. Respondents filed the December 10th, 2024 Report on January 22, 2025.
6. The Committee is compliant with the filing requirement, in this matter.

Conclusions of Law

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

1. At all times pertinent, Respondents were required to file the December 10th, 2024 Report by the filing date on December 10, 2024.
2. Respondents violated D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(a) and (b) and 3 DCMR § 3017.2.
3. 3 DCMR § 3711.1 dictates that the Director of Campaign Finance ("Director") may ministerially impose fines upon the candidate, treasurer, committee, or designated agent.
4. 3 DCMR § 3711.4(l) established a Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar fine, per day, for failure to timely file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures.
5. 3 DCMR § 3711.8, the Director may modify, rescind, dismiss, or suspend any fine, for good cause.
6. The Director may impose a civil penalty with the maximum amount of One Thousand-Three-Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00) Dollars for Twenty-Six (26) days of non-compliance, in this matter.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing information included in the record, and for good cause, I HEREBY RECOMMEND that the Director withdraw the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance (Notice) dated February 21, 2025 and June 13, 2025, and no fine should be issued.

October 16, 2025 /s/ Nereida Gonzalez
Date Nereida Gonzalez, Attorney Advisor

Concurrence

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

October 16, 2025 /s/ William SanFord
Date William SanFord, General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated February 21, 2025 and June 13, 2025, SHALL BE withdrawn and no fine shall be issued.

October 16, 2025 /s/ Cecily E. Collier Montgomery
Date Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery,
Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order was served on, Michael Brown, Candidate and Treasurer, at 1550 Harry Thomas Way – Apt. 220, Washington, DC 20002, and by email to bmmike1981@gmail.com on October 16, 2025.

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 § 3711.4 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 2003*.