

**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

Eric Cleckley for Ward 8  
Eric Cleckley, Candidate/Treasurer  
4323 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE  
Washington, DC 20032  
etc83@yahoo.com

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) Date: February 11, 2026  
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) Docket No: 2025 C-012  
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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: **Eric Cleckley, Candidate/Treasurer** of the Eric Cleckley for Ward 8, principal campaign committee (“committee”), failed to timely file the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on June 10, 2025, 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 September 29, 2025 and October 22, 2025, the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) ordered Eric Cleckley, (“Respondent”) to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on October 14, 2025 and November 4, 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 September 29, 2025, the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) issued a Notice of Hearing to Eric Cleckley (“Respondent”) via email and regular mail that ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on October 14, 2025. Consequently, the Respondent failed to appear at the scheduled hearing. Additionally, the Respondent had not filed the required June 10<sup>th</sup> Report.

Accordingly, on October 22, 2025, OGC issued a second Notice of Hearing to the Respondent via email and certified mail, instructing the Respondent to appear at a rescheduled virtual hearing on November 4, 2025. Again, the Respondent failed to appear at the virtual hearing and failed to file the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report. As of November 4, 2025, the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report accrued one hundred (100) days of noncompliance, excluding holidays and weekends. To date, the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on June 10, 2025, remains delinquent.

**Findings of Fact**

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

1. The Respondent is the candidate and treasurer of the Eric Cleckley for Ward 8 Principal Campaign Committee.
2. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures by June 10, 2025.
3. The Respondent failed to file the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures on or before June 10, 2025.
4. By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated September 29, 2025, the OGC ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on October 14, 2025, to respond to the alleged violations.
5. By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated October 22, 2025, the OGC ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on November 4, 2025, to respond to the alleged violations.
6. The Respondent failed to appear at either scheduled hearing on October 14, 2025, or November 4, 2025.
7. As of November 4, 2025, the Respondent failed to file the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report, which accrued 100 days of noncompliance.
8. To date, the Respondent remains noncompliant with the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report filing requirement.

**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 **\$4,000.00** 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 June 10<sup>th</sup> Report of Receipts and Expenditures on June 10, 2025, but failed to comply.
7. The Respondent failed to appear at either scheduled hearing on October 14, 2025, or November 4, 2025.
8. As of November 4, 2025, the Respondent failed to file the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report, which accrued 100 days of noncompliance.
9. To date, the Respondent remains noncompliant with the June 10<sup>th</sup> Report filing requirement.

**Recommendation**

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, **I HEREBY RECOMMEND** that the Director **IMPOSE** a fine in the amount of **\$4,000.00** against Eric Cleckley, Candidate/Treasurer and Eric Cleckley for Ward 8 Committee in this matter.

February 11, 2026  
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**Date**

*/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete*  
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**Kalvanetta K. Peete**  
**Hearing Officer**

**Concurrence**

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

February 11, 2026  
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**Date**

*/s/ William O. Sanford*  
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**William O. Sanford**  
**General Counsel**

**ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR**

**IT IS ORDERED** that a fine in the amount of **\$4,000.00** shall be IMPOSED against Eric Cleckley, Candidate/Treasurer and Eric Cleckley for Ward 8 Committee in this matter.

<u>February 11, 2026</u>	<u>/s/ Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery</u>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery</b> <b>Director</b>

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that a true copy of the **ORDER** has been served on Eric Cleckley, Candidate/Treasurer, via email at: etc83@yahoo.com and mail at: 4323 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, SE, Washington, DC 20032 on this 11th day of February 2026.

/s/  
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.