

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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IN THE MATTER OF)	
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Friends of Robert White)	Docket No.: 2025-C-006
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Robert White, Candidate)	May 23, 2025
1601 Holly Street, NW)	
Washington, DC 20012)	
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Robert White, Treasurer)	
1601 Holly Street, NW)	
Washington, DC 20012)	

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 Robert White, Candidate and Treasurer of Friends of Robert White, a Principal Campaign Committee (Committee), failed to timely file the January 31st, 2025 Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due by February 19, 2025, in violation of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, District of Columbia Official Code § 1-1162.09 et. seq. and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 D.C.M.R. § 3017 et. seq.

By Notice(s) of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated March 6, 2025 and March 20, 2025, OGC 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

On March 27, 2025, Robert White (Respondent) and Raquel Boursiquot, Custodian of Records

for the Committee appeared pro se to answer the alleged filing violation. Patrick Walker, Legal Instruments Examiner, appeared on behalf of OCF. Mr. Walker testified that Respondent failed to timely file the January 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures (January 31st, 2025 Report) in accordance with the D.C. Campaign Finance Act of 2011, D.C. Official Code 1-1163.09 et. seq. and the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, 3 D.C.M.R. § 3017 et. seq.

Respondent testified that Raquel Boursiquot would provide testimony on behalf of the Committee. Ms. Boursiquot testified that she was handling multiple matters and filing multiple reports for committees. She believed the issues regarding reports for the Committee had been resolved. She testified that email correspondence was sent under a similar name, and they were not distinguished by election year. She did not experience technical issues accessing the platform. However, she testified that the former treasurer left the Committee – leaving no one with access to accounts. She testified that Respondent did not have access to the Committee’s bank accounts; Respondent was not listed as a signatory on the bank account. She testified that the login access had been recently reset by the bank and they would be able to file the reports. She testified that bank records would be needed to file the reports. She also testified that they did not want to file for the sake of filing something in light of the signed affirmations of accuracy that would be required. She could not provide a date-certain when the reports would be filed. She also testified that she requested to be contacted regarding Committee filings although she is not campaign staff.

Respondent testified that the Committee had a similar name to another committee for another election year. The committees shared the same treasurer for a time. Respondent testified that it would be ideal to have a payment plan, if fines were assessed.

Attorney Advisor advised Respondent and Ms. Boursiquot to contact PIRM to update the treasurer’s information if Matthew Furmin, was still listed, and work with PIRM to address issues related to whom should be contacted regarding the filing of reports. Payment plan would be available, if fines were assessed.

Findings of Fact

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

1. Respondent, Robert White is the Candidate and Treasurer of Friends of Robert White, a Principal Campaign Committee.
2. At all times pertinent, Respondent was required to file the January 31st, 2025 Report, by the filing date, February 19, 2025.
3. Respondent did not file the January 31st, 2025 Report by February 19, 2025.
4. Respondent attended the OCF Mandatory Entrance Conference.

5. By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated March 6, 2025, the OGC ordered the Respondent to appear at a scheduled virtual hearing on March 20, 2025, to respond to the alleged violations. The hearing was rescheduled for March 27, 2025.
6. Respondent appeared at the scheduled hearing on March 27, 2025, and the Custodian of Records for the Committee, Raquel Boursiquot, provided a credible explanation for the untimely filing of the January 31st, 2025 Report.
7. Respondent has not filed the January 31st, 2025 Report.

Conclusions of Law

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

1. At all times pertinent, Respondents were required to file the January 31st, 2025 Report by the filing date of February 19, 2025. The January 31st, 2025 Report was not filed by February 19, 2025.
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; each allegation shall constitute a separate violation, and a fine shall attach for each day of non-compliance for each violation.
4. 3 DCMR § 3711.8, the Director may modify, rescind, dismiss, or suspend any fine, for good cause.
5. 3 DCMR § 3711.2 (f) establishes a Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar fine, per day, for failure to timely file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures.
6. The Director may impose a civil penalty with the maximum amount of One Thousand, Three Hundred (\$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 shown, **I HEREBY RECOMMEND** that the Director **IMPOSE** a fine in the amount of One Thousand and Three Hundred (\$ 1,300.00) Dollars for Twenty-Six (26) days of non-compliance, in this matter.

May 30, 2025

Date

/s/ Nereida Gonzalez

Nereida Gonzalez, Attorney Advisor

Concurrence

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

May 30, 2025
Date

/s/ William SanFord
William SanFord, General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that a fine, in the amount of One Thousand and Three Hundred (\$ 1,300.00) Dollars shall be **IMPOSED** against Robert White, Candidate and Treasurer for the Friends of Robert White, a Principal Campaign Committee.

May 30, 2025
Date

/s/ Cecily E. Collier Montgomery
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, Robert White, Candidate and Treasurer for Friends of Robert White, by U.S.P.S. certified mail at 1601 Holly Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20012, and by email at: robert.c.whiteii@gmail.com and to Raquel Boursiquot by email at: racquel@novametisconsultancy.com, on May 30, 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.*