

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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IN THE MATTER OF)
Brandon Dean, Candidate)
Our Friend Brandon/ Douglass Commonwealth)
Shadow Senator)
828 Evarts Street, NE)
Washington DC, 20018)
)
Jonathan Moore, Treasurer)
16 10th Court West)
Birmingham, Al 35204)

Docket No.: 2024 C-019
January 28, 2025

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 Brandon Dean, Candidate, and Jonathan Moore, Treasurer, and Our Friend Brandon Douglass Commonwealth Shadow Senator, a Principal Campaign Committee (Committee) (Respondents) failed to timely file the August 10, 2024, Report of Receipts and Expenditures, (August 10, 2024, Report), in accord with the District of Columbia Campaign Reform Act of 2011 (Act) and D.C. Code Section 1-1163.09.

The August 10, 2024, Report was due on Monday, August 12, 2024. The Committee was sent reminder notices on July 17, 24 and 31, 2024. By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated September 24, and December 3, 2024, (Notices) OCF ordered Respondents to show cause at virtual hearings on October 15, and December 18, 2024, why Respondents should not be found in violation of the District of Columbia Official Code § 1-1163.09 and 3 DCMR § 3017.2 and fined accordingly.

Summary of Evidence

Respondents failed to timely file the August 10, 2024, Report, by Monday, August 12, 2024. Based upon Respondent's failure to timely file the required August 10, 2024, Report, on August 28, 2024, the PIRM Division referred the violation to the OCF's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) for enforcement. OGC issued Notices to Respondents, by regular mail, and certified mail, respectively, ordering them to appear at a scheduled hearing on October 15, and December 18, 2024, and show cause why they should not be found in violation of the D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09 and 3 DCMR §3017.2 and fined accordingly. Virtual show cause hearings in this matter were conducted on October 15, and December 18, 2024, and Respondents failed to appear and testify, on behalf of the Committee.

.Ms. Laura McQueen was present as a witness on behalf of PIRM. Kalvenetta Peete, Hearing Examiner, for OGC was present on behalf of Attorney Advisor, Belinda Kittles Perry.

Respondent's Testimony

Respondents failed to appear and or testify on behalf of the Committee, at October 15, and December 18, 2024, scheduled virtual hearings.

Findings of Fact

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

1. Respondent Dean filed the August 10, 2024, Report, on October 10, 2024, and has come into compliance.
2. Respondents were required to file the August 10, 2024, Report, with OCF, by the deadline of August 12, 2024, and failed to file timely. The August 10, 2024, Report was filed on October 10, 2024, forty-one (41) days late.
3. At all times pertinent, Respondents were required to file the August 10, 2024, Report by the filing date on August 12, 2024. Respondents have prior orders imposing fines in Docket Nos. 2024 C-08, for \$250, 2024 C-002, for \$4,000, and 2024 C-003, for \$200 for delinquent filings.
4. Respondents Dean and Moore attended the July 7, and August 9, 2023, Mandatory Entrance Conference, respectively, with the OCF, on behalf of the Committee.

Conclusions of Law

Based on the record, I therefore conclude:

- 1 Respondents violated D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09(a) and (b) and 3 DCMR § 3017.2.
2. 3 DCMR § 3711.2(f) establishes a Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar fine, per day, excluding weekends and holidays, for failure to timely file a Report of Receipts and Expenditures.

3. 3 DCMR § 3711.1(b) maintains that a fine shall attach for each day of noncompliance for an amount of Two Thousand and Fifty (\$2,050.00) Dollars, equal to forty-one (41) days of noncompliance.
4. 3 DCMR § 3711.5 provides that the aggregate of the penalties imposed under the Director's authority under 3 DCMR § 3711.2 may not exceed Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) Dollars for each violation.
5. The Director of Campaign Finance ("Director") may ministerially impose fines upon the candidate, treasurer, committee, or designated agent, pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.1.
6. For good cause shown, pursuant to 3 DCMR § 3711.8, the Director may modify, rescind, dismiss, or suspend any fine.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing information included in the record, **I HEREBY RECOMMEND** that the Director impose a fine in the amount of Two Thousand and Fifty (\$2,050.00) Dollars, equal to forty-one (41) days of noncompliance, in this matter, against the Brandon Dean, Candidate, and Jonathan Moore, Treasurer, and Our Friend Brandon/ Douglass Commonwealth, Shadow Senator, a Principal Campaign Committee.

January 28, 2025
Date

/s/ Belinda Kittles Perry
Belinda Kittles Perry

Concurrence

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

January 28, 2025
Date

/s/ William O. SanFord
William O. SanFord
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that a fine, in the amount of Two Thousand and Fifty (\$2,050.00) Dollars, equal to forty-one (41) days of noncompliance, in this matter, shall be imposed against Brandon Dean, Candidate, Jonathan Moore, Treasurer, and Our Friend Brandon/ Douglass Commonwealth Shadow Senator, a Principal Campaign Committee.

January 28, 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 Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance, on Brandon Dean, Candidate, by certified mail at 828 Everts Street, NE, Washington, DC 20018, 4100 South Capital Street, SE, Washington, DC 20002 and 1151 Bladensburg Rd., NE, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20002 and Jonathan A. Moore, Treasurer, for Our Friend Brandon/ Douglass Commonwealth Shadow Senator, at 16 10th Court West, Birmingham, Al, 35204 and by email at: BRANDAUNDEAN@gmail.com and John.Moore.201069@gmail.com on January 28, 2025.

/s/ Belinda Kittles Perry

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 S.E., Suite 775, Washington, DC 20003*.

