

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS
1015 HALF STREET, S.E., SUITE 775
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20003**

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| IN THE MATTER OF |) | Date: February 11, 2026 |
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| Committee to Recall Charles Allen |) | Docket No: 2025 REC-002 |
| April Brown, Treasurer |) | |
| 54 Buchanan Street NE |) | |
| Washington, DC 20011 |) | |
| april@recallcharlesallen.com |) | |

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: **April Brown, Treasurer** of the Committee to Recall Charles Allen (“committee”), failed to timely file the July 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on July 31, 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 April Brown, (“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 Villareal Johnson (“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 July 31st 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 July 31st Report. As of November 4, 2025, the July 31st Report accrued sixty-five (65) days of noncompliance, excluding holidays and weekends. To date, the July 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures that was due on July 31, 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 Committee to Recall Charles Allen.
2. At all times pertinent, the Respondent was required to file the July 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures by July 31, 2025.
3. The Respondent failed to file the July 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures on or before July 31, 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 July 31st Report, which accrued 65 days of noncompliance.
8. To date, the Respondent remains noncompliant with the July 31st Report filing requirement and has a history of other delinquent report filings.

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 **\$3,250.00** 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 July 31st Report of Receipts and Expenditures on July 31, 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 July 31st Report, which accrued 65 days of noncompliance.
9. To date, the Respondent remains noncompliant with the July 31st Report filing requirement and has a history of other delinquent report filings.

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 **\$3,250.00** against April Brown, Treasurer and the Committee to Recall Charles Allen in this matter.

February 11, 2026

Date

/s/ Kalvanetta K. Peete

Kalvanetta K. Peete
Hearing Officer

Concurrence

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

February 11, 2026

Date

/s/ William O. SanFord

William O. SanFord
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that a fine in the amount of **\$3,250.00** shall be IMPOSED against April Brown, Treasurer and the Committee to Recall Charles Allen in this matter.

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a true copy of the **ORDER** has been served on April Brown, Treasurer, via email at: april@recallcharlesallen.com and by mail at: 54 Buchanan Street, NE, Washington, DC 20011 on this 11th day of February 2026.

cc: Jennifer Squires, Chairperson
924 G Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
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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: Office of Campaign Finance, 1015 Half Street S.E., Suite 775, Washington, DC 20003.**