

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS  
FRANK D. REEVES MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20009  
(202) 671-0550**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**Committee Elect Natalie Williams  
Nardyne Jeffries, Treasurer  
51 Danbury Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20032**

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**Docket No: 012 C-049  
Docket No: 012 R-004  
Date: February 22, 2013**

**ORDER**

**Statement of the Case**

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (hereafter OCF) Office of the General Counsel following a determination by the Records Analysis and Audit Division (RAAD) that pursuant to The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability Establishment and Comprehensive Ethics Reform and Amendment Act (The Act), codified in DC Official Code 1-1163.03(a)(1)(A), Nardyne Jeffries, treasurer for the campaign Committee to Elect Natalie Williams, failed to respond to a Request for Additional Information (RFI) from the Audit Division, concerning the reporting of funds being listed in the R&E Reports submitted for January 31, 2012, March 10, 2012, 8 Day Pre-Primary 2012, and the June 10, 2012.

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated May 23, 2012, and September 18, 2012 OCF ordered Nardyne Jeffries (hereafter Respondent), to appear at a scheduled hearing on June 19, 2012 and October 5, 2012 respectively and show cause why she should not be found in violation of Title III of the Campaign Finance Act of 2011, and fined accordingly.

**Summary of Evidence**

This case reflects two different docket numbers. The reason for the two docket numbers is initially the docket numbers for cases received from RAAD and the Public Records and Information Management (PRIM) division were given a lettering that reflected the type of committee (i.e. "C" or "P") for statistical purposes. The Office of General Counsel revised their method of tracking referrals received from the Public Records and Information Management (PRIM) to distinguish them from referrals received from the RAAD. Case numbers w "R" indicates that they were referred from RAAD.

On June 19, 2012 Respondent treasurer and the candidate, Natalie Williams appeared for the scheduled hearing. The audit supervisor, Ms. Renee Coleman informed the Respondents that there was accounting discrepancies associated with the aforementioned R&E Reports.

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Respondent and candidate stated that when OCF sent out the notice scheduling the hearings they were involved with a murder trial that was being conducted at DC Superior Court, otherwise they would have responded sooner. Respondent treasurer and candidate Natalie Williams apologized for filing the flawed report and requested additional time to file an amended R&E Report. Additional time was granted, and the parties agreed to submit the amended R&E Report by the close of business on July 19, 2012. Respondent failed to comply with that deadline. But did file an amended report after the deadline.

On August 2, 2012 and on or about August 16, 2012 the supervising auditor in the RAAD sent the Respondent and candidate two (2) additional RFAI letters. In both letters RAAD explained the discrepancies and provided them instructions to follow to correct them. Neither the candidate nor the treasurer of record responded to the letters.

**Findings of Fact**

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

1. Respondent served as treasurer for the campaign Committee to Elect Natalie Williams.
2. Respondent was required to file periodic R&E Reports in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.03(a) (1) (A), 1-1163.04(8), and to provide the OCF additional information to insure financial reporting and recordkeeping was in accord with DC Official Code Section 1-1163.09.
3. On or about June 19, 2012 Respondent and candidate appeared for a hearing and discussed the issues raised by RAAD that formed the bases of the RFAI.
4. Respondent and candidate were granted an extension of time until the close of business July 19, 2012 to make the corrections and re-submit the R&E Reports to OCF/RAAD.
5. On or about August 2, 2012 and again on August 16, 2012 OCF/RAAD sent Respondent and candidate letters of instruction for them to make the necessary corrections with a reminder to submit the amended reports.
6. OCF/RAAD, in an attempt to assist the campaign committee, provided the Respondent and candidate more than reasonable time to correct the reports that would bring the committee in compliance with the law. More than 120 days has elapsed since the initial extension of time was granted to the Respondent.

7. Neither the candidate nor the treasurer responded to the aforementioned letters. As of this writing they have not complied with the RFAI and have failed to contact the agency.
8. Respondent is currently in violation of the statute.

**Conclusions of Law**

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

1. Respondent has violated DC Official Code §1-1163.03(a) (1) (A).
2. The penalty established at DC Official Code §1-1163.09, §1-1163.35, 3 DCMR §§3709.2(k), 3711.2(u) and 3711.4 for failure to respond to a Request for Additional Information (RFAI) from the Audit Division, concerning the reporting of funds being listed in the R&E Report is a fine of \$50.00 per day for each business day subsequent to the due date.
3. In accordance with DC Official Code 1-1163.35, the respondent may be fined a maximum of \$2000.00 for failing to respond to a RFAI from the Audit Division,
4. For good cause shown pursuant to 3 DCMR 3711.6, the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss or suspend any fine.

**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 Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) in this matter.

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Hearing Officer

**Concurrence**

In view of the foregoing, I hereby concur with the Recommendation.

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Date

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William O. SanFord  
General Counsel

**ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Committee to Elect Natalie Williams is hereby fined Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for failure to respond to an RFAI.

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Date

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Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery  
Director

**SERVICE OF ORDER**

This is to certify that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order on the Respondent candidate Natalie Williams, 2619 Douglas Place SE #403 Washington, DC 20020 and the treasurer of record Nardyne Jeffries 51 Danbury Street, SW Washington, DC 20032 by regular mail, on \_\_\_\_\_.

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**NOTICE**

Any party adversely affected by and order of the Director may obtain review of the order by filing with the Board of Elections and Ethics, a request for a hearing *de novo*. Pursuant to 3 DCMR §3711.5, any fine imposed by the Director shall become effective on the 16<sup>th</sup> day following the issuance of a decision and order, if the respondent does not request an appeal of this matter. If applicable, within 10 days of the effective date of this order, please make a check or money order payable to the D.C. Treasurer, c/o Office of Campaign Finance, 2000 Fourteenth Street, N.W., Suite 433 Washington, DC 20009.