1:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order

Review and Approve Minutes of the July 22, 2020 Meeting

Executive Director’s Report
- Budget Discussion
- Primary Election Campaign Finance Update
- Statements of Substantial Interest Update

Civil Penalties: Candidates & Treasurers

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Civil Penalty: PACS & Parties
- Mary Ann Duorachek, Treasurer Allen Co Democrat Central Committee

Civil Penalty Waiver Request
- Brian Burch, lobbyist

Paid for by Attribution Statement Waiver requests
- Stacy Neilson, Candidate for Edwards County Register of Deeds
- Mike Brown, Candidate for Johnson County Commission

Executive Session

1:30 Public Hearings
- Complaint 682, Troy Smith, candidate for County Commissioner
- Complaint 683, Sarde Doutherd, Treasurer for Troy Smith
- Complaint 684, Christian Ramirez, candidate for UG Commissioner
- Complaint 685, Brandie Armstrong, Treasurer for Christian Ramirez
Date of next meeting: September 23, 2020

3:00 p.m. Adjournment
Members Present
Nick Hale, Chairman
Patty Dengler
Jane Deterding
Jerome Hellmer, Vice Chair
Kyle Krull
Ken Moore
Todd Scharnhorst

Staff Present
Mark Skoglund, Executive Director
Brett Berry, General Counsel
Sherry Fergel, Office Manager

The regular monthly meeting of the Governmental Ethics Commission was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Hale.

Minutes
Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the June 24, 2020 meeting. Kyle Krull moved to approve the minutes as written. Jerry Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report
Mr. Skoglund expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their flexibility regarding holding today’s meeting by teleconference and anticipates having a meeting in person soon by reserving a meeting room that will accommodate social distancing.
Mr. Skoglund informed the Commission that there was a sizeable allotment, a significant decrease in the budget after it was approved. There is a plan to resolve the allotment. This will be discussed in more detail at the August Commission meeting.

Civil Penalty Assessment Orders
Commissioners reviewed civil penalty assessments for the late filing of the following documents:

Appointment of Treasurer form:
Mike Cooper
Candidate for County Commissioner $50
Sam Stillwell
Candidate for Senate $60
Michael Caddell
Candidate for County Commissioner $40
Jay Tate
Candidate for District Magistrate Judge $300

Statement of Substantial Interest:
Sam Stillwell
Candidate for Senate $130
Amended Statement of Organization
Michael Simmons, Chairperson
Friends of WY CO FOP Lodge 40 PAC $200

January 10, 2020 Receipts & Expenditure Report:
Max Sybrant, Treasurer
Friends of WY CO FOP Lodge 40 PAC $ 200

Civil penalty assessments will be sent to those listed above.

Paid for by Attribution Statements Waiver requests
Before reviewing the documents submitted by candidates regarding the lack of paid for by attribution statements, Mr. Skoglund offered that the Commission traditionally would waive the first offense including a strongly worded letter to the candidate, unless there are extenuating circumstances that would lead the Commission not to waive. Kathleen Garrison Candidate for County Commissioner submitted an email regarding the correction made to the GoFundMe advertisement for her campaign to include the attribution statement. Brent Hoover, candidate for Phillips County Sheriff, submitted an email regarding campaign brochures which had been distributed. Dennis Entrikin, candidate for Brown County Sheriff, submitted an email regarding campaign flyers which had been distributed. The remaining flyers had been corrected to include the required attribution statement.

Mr. Moore moved that the first-time offenses be waived, a letter be sent, and a copy be placed in each file. Mr. Scharnhorst seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Deterding asked whether GoFundMe accounts were permissible for candidate fundraising. Mr. Skoglund responded that it is permissible if it is done within the parameters of the Campaign Finance Act.

Mr. Krull made a motion that the Commission recess this open meeting until 1:25 p.m., for executive session to discuss matters limited to confidential complaints with staff present to participate in the discussions, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), (b)(2), and K.A.R. 19-6-2, for good cause, to consider matters required by relevant law to be confidential, specifically records of the commission, pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4165; and for consultation with general counsel for the commission, which is deemed privileged, as provided for in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Mr. Moore seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Commission returned to open session at 1:25 p.m.

Chair Hale announced that public hearings would be held for Troy Smith, Sarde Doutherd Christina Ramirez, and Brandie Armstrong at the next Commission meeting.
Public Hearing

Complaint No. 677

The Public Hearing on Complaint No. 677, Mark Skoglund vs. James L. Price was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Hale as the Hearing Officer. The hearing was recorded. Hearing Officer Hale reviewed the hearing procedures and asked Mr. Berry to state appearances for the record. Mr. Berry stated that he appears on behalf of Executive Director Mark Skoglund, the Complainant, who also appears. The Respondent, James Price appears not.

Hearing Officer Hale asked Mr. Berry if he wished to describe the complaint to the Commission. Mr. Berry stated that the complaint before the Commission involves false reporting on campaign finance reports. Mr. Berry and the Respondent ask that the Commission adopt the facts as contained in the Consent Agreement. The Consent Agreement was returned as a scanned image signed by the Respondent containing his approval and Mr. Berry’s signature also indicating approval. Mr. Berry stated that the Respondent, by agreeing to the Consent Agreement, admits that the violation did occur, and based on that stipulation, ask that the Commission find that the violation did occur as alleged in the proposed findings of fact. The Complainant and Respondent jointly ask that the Commission find the proposed conclusions of law and adopt as their own. Mr. Berry stated that he had no other evidence to present, until the disposition phase, at which time Mr. Skoglund would have recommendations regarding a civil fine. Mr. Berry presented that Mr. Price resided in a location which was different from the residence that he reported on his voter registration or his campaign finance reports when running for House District 86 in the 2018 election cycle. By not providing the correct information, it caused the Commission difficulty in communicating with Mr. Price.

The Respondent, James Price joined the hearing after review of the Consent Decree. Hearing Officer Hale sought procedural advice from Mr. Skoglund. Mr. Skoglund stated that as only review of the Consent Decree had occurred, Mr. Price had not missed anything new being presented. Mr. Price agreed to moving forward. Mr. Price confirmed receipt of the Consent Decree and that he signed and returned to Mr. Berry. Mr. Hellmer suggested that for the record, a statement that all were appearing telephonically, and none appear in person should be made. Hearing Officer Hale stated that the hearing was being held telephonically, no one was appearing in person and counsel for the Complainant, Mark Skoglund had described the circumstances of the complaint, and the Respondent, Mr. Price had been heard from regarding the Consent Decree. Hearing Office Hale asked Mr. Price if he wished to make a statement for purposes of the hearing. Mr. Price stated he did not know if an explanation was needed, or if there was anything he could add, other than a better definition of what circumstances happened that year, or if the point was moot. Mr. Moore asked if this was the appropriate time for the Commission to approve and adopt the Consent Decree. Hearing Officer Hale stated this would be an appropriate time for Commissioners to ask questions. Mr. Hellmer asked Mr. Price that as the Consent Decree stated that he, the Respondent, was appearing pro se, but the hearing was being conducted telephonically, would he agree? Mr. Price responded that he did agree. Mr. Hellmer asked if Mr. Price consented to the hearing being conducted telephonically and not in person. Mr. Price replied that he did agree.
Mr. Moore made a motion that the Commission approve and adopt the stipulations of fact and conclusions of law as outlined in the Consent Decree and signed by the parties. Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hearing Office Hale asked if the Commission needed a motion to adjourn to executive session. Mr. Berry pointed out that due to the amendments made to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, the deliberations should occur in open session. Mr. Hellmer agreed, enabling the Respondent to have a right to allocation, and be heard outside of executive session. Mr. Berry suggested that Mr. Skoglund make a recommendation regarding disposition at this time, and the Respondent may respond with any information he would like the Commission to hear regarding the disposition. Hearing Officer Hale asked Mr. Skoglund for his recommendations.

Mr. Skoglund stated that he viewed this as a minor violation for purposes of the Commission. The incorrect address on the Commission forms makes it difficult to enforce the Campaign Finance Act as communication cannot occur and certified mail cannot be sent to an address that was not receiving mail. Mr. Skoglund recommended that as this is a minor violation and that as Mr. Price is taking it seriously, a fine of $50 or another small amount would be sufficient to deter this sort of behavior in the future, but defers to the decision of the Commission. Mr. Skoglund answered additional questions from the Commission.

Mr. Moore asked for clarification that Mr. Price resided outside of the district while he was campaigning and running for office. Mr. Skoglund stated that he could not respond regarding Mr. Price’s motivations, but the address that was listed on the campaign finance reports was in a different district then the residence he appeared to reside. Mr. Moore wanted to clarify that this violation was only being looked at as a violation of the Campaign Finance Act in having difficulty in contacting the Respondent, not that he lived outside of the district for which he was running for office. Mr. Skoglund confirmed that the question before the Commission was whether the form was accurately filed, or whether there was fraudulent information on the form.

Hearing Officer Hale asked Mr. Price, after the findings of fact and conclusion of law adopted by the Commission, if he had any additional information for the Commission as to the disposition of this matter. Mr. Price said he had nothing to add to what Mr. Berry had said.

Mr. Hellmer asked Mr. Price if he was asking that the Commission approve the recommendations of Mr. Skoglund. Mr. Price responded that he would (ask the Commission to approve the recommendations). Mr. Scharnhorst asked Mr. Price if he had any mitigating factors that the Commission should consider beyond what is in the consent decree to better explain the facts.

Mr. Price stated that he did have a medical condition, still ongoing, and that he had tried to be removed from the ballot but missed the deadline. He stated that he still owns the property (the address on the form) with a business partner, and that there were many additional factors involved that year. Mr. Price apologized for how it looked and that he had no intent to create this much of a problem, but with all the factors going on, the campaign was not foremost in his thoughts. Mr. Price answered additional questions from the Commission.

Ms. Deterding made a motion to assess a fine of $500. Ms. Dengler seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Hearing Officer Hale asked for a roll call vote for the motion. Mr. Moore, Mr. Scharnhorst, Mr. Krull and Mr. Hellmer voted nay; Ms. Deterding and Ms. Dengler voted yes. The motion did not pass.
Mr. Scharnhorst made a motion to assess a civil fine of $250. Mr. Krull seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Skoglund asked to clarify that the motion was intended to find a violation in respect to filing a fraudulent report and added that a recommendation on further action was also needed. Mr. Skoglund recommended that on filing a fraudulent report, the violation in front of the Commission, to not make a motion for further action from the local prosecutor. Hearing Officer Hale asked for a vote on the motion: to assess a civil fine of $250, to find a violation had occurred and to not recommend further action by the local prosecutor. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously. At 1:58 p.m. Hearing Officer Hale closed the public hearing.

Next meeting date
Chair Hale noted the correct date for the next meeting would be August 26, 2020, and asked Mr. Skoglund in what manner the meeting would be conducted. Mr. Skoglund responded that the intent is to have the meeting in person but would depend on the circumstances. Should a remote meeting be required, details would be sent to the Commission. Mr. Berry clarified that the public hearings would be scheduled at 1:30 at the next meeting.

Adjournment

At 2:00 p.m. Mr. Hellmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dengler seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion and the motion carried unanimously.
## STATUS OF FILINGS FOR JULY 27, 2020
### RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES REPORTS

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## Statement of Substantial Interests
### Report of Activity

As of: August 24, 2020

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| Elected Officials           | 184                     | 184                              | 0                                         |

| Appointees, Subject to Senate Confirmation | 34 | 34 | 0 |

| Board Members Listed as Designees | 314 | 312 | 2 |

| General Counsels             | 29 | 29 | 0 |

| Commissioners Grain, Sorghum, Sunflower, Corn & Wheat | 27 | 23 | 4 |

| Totals                      | 5563 | 5482 | 81 |
TO: Commission Members
FROM: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director
DATE: August 26, 2020
RE: Civil Penalty- Candidate (SSI)

A Statement of Substantial Interest is required to be submitted per K.S.A. 46-247 and K.S.A. 46-248. K.S.A. 46-280 provides that a certified notice shall be sent, and that the individual shall have 5 days from receipt of such notice to file the report. After that date, the civil penalty is $10 per day up to a maximum of $300. The following individual did not file in a timely manner:

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TO: Commission Members

FROM: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director

DATE: August 26, 2020

RE: Civil Penalties- Candidates & Treasurers

The following individuals failed to file reports by the due date for penalty free filing. K.S.A. 25-4152 provides that a certified notice shall be sent, and that the individual shall have 15 days from the date such notice is placed in the mail to file the report. After that date, the civil penalty is $10 per day up to a maximum of $300. The following individuals did not file in a timely manner:

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K.S.A. 25-4152 (b)(1)(2) provides that a certified notice shall be sent, and that the candidate shall have 2 days from the date the report is due to file the report. After that date, the civil penalty is $100 for the first day and $50 per day thereafter until the report is filed, up to a maximum of $1000. The following individuals did not file in a timely manner:


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Candidate for County Commissioner  
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Fritz Blaske, Jr.  
Candidate for County Commissioner  
8/5/2020  
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$300

Richard Garza  
Candidate for Sheriff  
8/12/20  
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$650

Randy Unruh  
Candidate for County Commissioner  
8/17/2020  
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Susan Watt  
Treasurer for Daniel Wasylk  
8/22/2020  
10  
$100
TO: Commission Members  

FROM: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director  

DATE: August 26, 2020  

RE: Party Committees and Political Action Committees (PAC) Civil Penalties  

The following individual failed to file the required report by the due date for penalty free filing. K.S.A. 25-4152 provides that a certified notice shall be sent, and that the individual shall have a specified number of days from the date of such notice to file the report. Central Committees & PACs which report 5 days from the date of the notice are imposed a civil penalty of $10 per day the report remains unfiled, up to a maximum of $300.

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July 16, 2020

Mark Skoglund  
Government Ethics Commission  
901 S. Kansas Avenue  
Topeka, Kansas 66612  

Dear Mr. Skoglund,

We request a waiver of the $550 penalty for late filing of the April 10 report. I do not need request to be present for the meeting.

We had filed a termination report on March 15, 2020. We thought filing this report meant we were fully in compliance. We were informed that an additional filing for the 15 days of March before that filing was also required. Admittedly, this notice caught us by surprise. This notice also occurred during the onset of the coronavirus pandemic that shut offices down in Chicago for quite some time. Nonetheless, we filed that report, which had no activity, on April 27, 2020.

And we have also already filed our Public Funds Form for 2020.

Again, the mistake was inadvertent, but the circumstances were rather unique. We respectfully ask the Commission to waive the fee.

Sincerely,

Brian Burch  
President  
Catholic Vote Civic Action
Stacy Neilson
1 hr

Just wanted to remind everyone to vote. For those that are wondering, if elected in November, I have a great staff that will be running the Deli until the office closes after 5:00. I hope to be able to serve Edwards County in this new chapter. Thank you for all of the support shown so far!
Stacy’s newspaper ad in the Edwards County Sentinel on Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Dear Mr. Mark Skoglund,

I’m writing you in regards to the letter I received August 5th about my advertisements. I do not want to do anything unethical so I have enlisted a few people to read the rules and interpret them with different points of view so that this does not happen again.

First I would like to address the newspaper ad. I noticed when it came out that it did not include the “paid for” part so I called and told them not to run another ad until I can get them a corrected copy. I was unable to get that to them so I did not have anything in the paper the week before election like I had intended. I have not seen the paper this week to make sure they didn’t run the ad again. If there is anything I need to put in the paper to fix the first ad I am more than willing to do so. I will wait for your instructions but until then all ads will have “Paid for by Stacy Neilson, Treasurer”. This is the first time running and I’m learning so much. Thank you for bringing this forward.

As for the Facebook post, I was going to edit it when that was brought to my attention but wanted to wait to let you know that I was doing it. All posts will have the same paid for disclaimer on them. I knew paid ads needed the disclaimer but since there was no money involved didn’t think it needed to have it on a personal page. Thank you for pointing out my error.

I have always tried to do the right thing and I am very upset with myself for my oversights. Please take my sincere apology into consideration when deciding your action. I have asked for help from an experience leader so this will NOT happen again.

Please take a few moments to let me know you received this email. I have learned my lesson in assuming and want to make sure you get everything you ask from me.

Sincerely,
Stacy R. Neilson

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Virus-free. www.avast.com
Mike Brown is organizing this fundraiser.

Created 2 days ago  |  Other

I am running for re-election to the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners. I am a Conservative Republican businessman and 6th generation Kansan from Olathe, KS.

I vote, stand for and regularly speak to liberty and freedom at a time so many have forgotten what those words mean.

It’s YOUR government.
It’s YOUR money.
I NEVER forget it’s your money.
NEVER.

Sidebar; I realize money is tight so please know any amount you can give.
is GREATLY appreciated! If you can a modest amount each month then that really helps out!

Thanks for your love, prayers and support!
Mike

Organizer

Mike Brown
Organizer
Olathe, KS

Comments

Kristine Sapp donated $50
Let's go Mike Brown! Your voice is needed!!
1 d

Rob Gress donated $100
Mike Brown keep fighting for our freedom and for transparency! My family is 100% behind you! We donated a dollar for each percent! THANK YOU!!!
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Motion to adjourn to Executive Session

August 26, 2020

I move that the Commission recess this open meeting until ______pm, for executive session to discuss matters limited to confidential complaints with staff present to participate in the discussions, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), (b)(2), and K.A.R. 19-6-2.
June 23, 2020

Troy Smith
2019 County Commissioner Candidate
419 Limit St
Leavenworth KS 66048

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed is a copy of a complaint filed today alleging that you have failed to file the January 10, 2020 Receipts & Expenditures Report, in response to a notice sent by certified mail on January 28, 2020. Once a complaint is filed, such filings and the allegations contained therein are held confidential by the Commission and its staff unless and until probable cause is found on the complaint and a public hearing is scheduled.

At the Commission’s next meeting, it will determine whether the complaint alleges facts sufficient to constitute a violation of the Campaign Finance Act. If necessary, the Commission’s staff will continue to investigate the alleged violations.

After completion of the investigation, the Commission will determine whether probable cause exists for believing the allegations in the complaint. If the Commission determines that probable cause does exist, the complaint shall become a matter of public record and a public hearing on the matter will be set. This hearing will be held within thirty days after the probable cause determination. You will be notified of the results of the Commission’s deliberations.

I have enclosed a copy of the Commission’s procedural regulations for your review, which cover investigations, complaints and hearings.

Sincerely,

Mark Skoglund
Executive Director

MS:js

Enclosures
GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT

(Commission Use Only)

Mark Skoglund
Complainant

Troy Smith
Respondent

Complaint No. 682

A. Complainant or attorney:

Name: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director
Address: 901 S Kansas Ave,
City and State: Topeka
Phone: 785-296-4219
Zip Code: 66612

B. State the name of the person alleged to have violated the Act in question:

Name: Troy Smith, 2019 County Commissioner Candidate
Address: 419 Limit St
City, State, Zip Code: Leavenworth KS 66048

C. Complaint alleges:

Troy Smith, 2019 County Commissioner Candidate failed to file the Receipts & Expenditures Report due on January 10, 2020 as required by K.S.A. 25-4148, and due on February 4, 2020, in response to a notice sent by certified mail on January 28, 2020 pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4152. K.S.A. 25-4167 provides that the intentional violation of K.S.A. 25-4148 is a class A misdemeanor. K.S.A. 25-4181 provides that, in addition to any other penalty prescribed under the Campaign Finance Act, the Commission may assess a civil fine not to exceed $5,000 for the first violation, $10,000 for the second violation, and $15,000 for the third violation and for each subsequent violation.

D. Verification:

State of Kansas )
County of Shawnee)

I, Mark Skoglund, do swear (or affirm) that this complaint has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge, information and belief is true, correct and complete.

(Signature of Complainant)

Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me this 23 day of June, 2020.

(Notary Public)

My appointment expires may 2, 2024.

GEC Form Rev. 1998
June 23, 2020

Sarde Doutherd  
Treasurer for Troy Smith  
1060 N 2nd St Apt G  
Leavenworth KS 66048

Dear Treasurer Doutherd:

Enclosed is a copy of a complaint filed today alleging that you have failed to file the January 10, 2020 Receipts & Expenditures Report for the Troy Smith for County Commissioner Campaign, in response to a notice sent by certified mail on January 28, 2020. Once a complaint is filed, such filings and the allegations contained therein are held confidential by the Commission and its staff unless and until probable cause is found on the complaint and a public hearing is scheduled.

At the Commission’s next meeting, it will determine whether the complaint alleges facts sufficient to constitute a violation of the Campaign Finance Act. If necessary, the Commission’s staff will continue to investigate the alleged violations.

After completion of the investigation, the Commission will determine whether probable cause exists for believing the allegations in the complaint. If the Commission determines that probable cause does exist, the complaint shall become a matter of public record and a public hearing on the matter will be set. This hearing will be held within thirty days after the probable cause determination. You will be notified of the results of the Commission’s deliberations.

I have enclosed a copy of the Commission’s procedural regulations for your review, which cover investigations, complaints and hearings.

Sincerely,

Mark Skoglund  
Executive Director

MS:js

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COMPLAINT

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Address: 901 S Kansas Ave,
City and State: Topeka
Phone: 785-296-4219
Zip Code: 66612

B. State the name of the person alleged to have violated the Act in question:

Name: Sarde Doutherd, Treasurer for Troy Smith
Address: 1060 N 2nd St, Apt G
City, State, Zip Code: Leavenworth KS 66048

C. Complaint alleges:

Sarde Doutherd, Treasurer for Troy Smith, failed to file the Receipts & Expenditures Report due on January 10, 2020 as required by K.S.A. 25-4148, and due on February 2, 2020, in response to a notice sent by certified mail on January 28, 2020 pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4152. K.S.A. 25-4167 provides that the intentional violation of K.S.A. 25-4148 is a class A misdemeanor. K.S.A. 25-4181 provides that, in addition to any other penalty prescribed under the Campaign Finance Act, the Commission may assess a civil fine not to exceed $5,000 for the first violation, $10,000 for the second violation, and $15,000 for the third violation and for each subsequent violation.

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(Notary Public)
June 23, 2020

Christian Ramirez
Candidate for County Commissioner
1805 Woodland Blvd
Kansas City KS 66106

Dear Mr. Ramirez

Enclosed is a copy of a complaint filed today alleging that you have failed to file the January 10, 2020 Receipts & Expenditures Report for the Christian Ramirez for UG Commissioner Campaign, in response to a notice sent by certified mail on January 28, 2020. Once a complaint is filed, such filings and the allegations contained therein are held confidential by the Commission and its staff unless and until probable cause is found on the complaint and a public hearing is scheduled.

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(Commission Use Only)

Mark Skoglund )
Complainant )
) )
) )
Christian Ramirez )
Respondent )
)

Complainant or attorney:

Name: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director
Address: 901 S Kansas Ave,
City and State: Topeka
Phone: 785-296-4219
Zip Code: 66612

B. State the name of the person alleged to have violated the Act in question:

Name: Christian Ramirez, 2019 UG Commissioner Candidate
Address: 1805 Woodland Blvd
City, State, Zip Code: Kansas City, KS 66106

C. Complaint alleges:

Christian Ramirez, 2019 UG Commissioner, failed to file the Receipts & Expenditures Report due on January 10, 2020 as required by K.S.A. 25-4148, and due on February 2, 2020, in response to a notice sent by certified mail on January 28, 2020 pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4152. K.S.A. 25-4167 provides that the intentional violation of K.S.A. 25-4148 is a class A misdemeanor. K.S.A. 25-4181 provides that, in addition to any other penalty prescribed under the Campaign Finance Act, the Commission may assess a civil fine not to exceed $5,000 for the first violation, $10,000 for the second violation, and $15,000 for the third violation and for each subsequent violation.

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(Signature of Complainant)

Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me this 23 day of June, 2020.

(Roxanna Valdivia)
(Notary Public)

My appointment expires ________, 20____.

GEC Form Rev. 1998
June 23, 2020

Brandie Armstrong
Treasurer for Christian Ramirez
3017 S 53rd Terr
Kansas City KS  66106

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

Enclosed is a copy of a complaint filed today alleging that you have failed to file the January 10, 2020 Receipts & Expenditures Report for the Christian Ramirez for UG Commissioner Campaign, in response to a notice sent by certified mail on January 28, 2020. Once a complaint is filed, such filings and the allegations contained therein are held confidential by the Commission and its staff unless and until probable cause is found on the complaint and a public hearing is scheduled.

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Address: 901 S Kansas Ave, Topeka
City and State: Topeka
Phone: 785-296-4219
Zip Code: 66612

B. State the name of the person alleged to have violated the Act in question:
Name: Brandie Armstrong, Treasurer for Christian Ramirez
Address: 3017 S 53rd Terr
City, State, Zip Code: Kansas City, KS 66106

C. Complaint alleges:
Brandie Armstrong, Treasurer for Christian Ramirez, failed to file the Receipts & Expenditures Report due on January 10, 2020 as required by K.S.A. 25-4148, and due on February 2, 2020, in response to a notice sent by certified mail on January 28, 2020 pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4152. K.S.A. 25-4167 provides that the intentional violation of K.S.A. 25-4148 is a class A misdemeanor. K.S.A. 25-4181 provides that, in addition to any other penalty prescribed under the Campaign Finance Act, the Commission may assess a civil fine not to exceed $5,000 for the first violation, $10,000 for the second violation, and $15,000 for the third violation and for each subsequent violation.

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