

Agenda
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S Kansas Ave
January 24, 2024
1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Call meeting to order.

Review and approve today's meeting agenda and the November 29, 2023, meeting minutes.

Executive Director's Report

- Campaign Finance Update
- Lobbyist Filing Update

Civil Penalty Waiver Form

- Guidance Document
- Waiver Request Form
- Financial Hardship Declaration
- Public comment

Civil Penalty Assessments

Candidates and Treasurers

- Shayla Ross, Treasurer for Candidate for Mayor

Lobbyists

Erika Devore, Lobbyist Kansas Recreation and Park Association	Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist EKOGA: Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas
Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist Fuel True Independent Energy and Convenience	Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist Lamar
Allen Kenny, Lobbyist ICS Networks, LLC	Robert Manes, Lobbyist The Nature Conservancy Kansas
Stephanie Yeager, Lobbyist International Association of Firefighters Local 135	

Civil Penalty Waiver Requests

- Ciara Chaney, Candidate for City Council
- Shelia Davis, Candidate for Mayor
- Erika DeVore, Lobbyist for Kansas Recreation and Park Association
- Bob Reese, Candidate for State Representative
- Marsha Reese, Treasurer for Candidate for State Representative
- Jenny Webster, Candidate for City Council

Civil Fine Hearing

- Complaint No. 755 – Scott Hamblin

Recessed Session

Next Meeting Date: February 28, 2024

3:00 p.m. Adjournment

Minutes
Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612
November 29, 2023
1:00 p.m.

Members Present

Nick Hale, Chair - via Videoconference
Jerome Hellmer, Vice Chair
John Solbach
Kyle Krull
Patty Dengler
Jane Deterding - via Videoconference
Mark Schoenhofer – via Videoconference
Chris Burger
Andrew Harrison - via Videoconference

Staff Present

Mark Skoglund, Executive Director
Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, General Counsel
Payge Quintana-Padgett, Office Manager
Jay Rodriguez, Conflict Counsel

The regular monthly meeting of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chairman Hale.

Minutes

After review of the agenda and the October 25, 2023, meeting minutes, Chairman Hale asked for any needed corrections to the agenda and the minutes as written, or a motion to approve the agenda and minutes as written. Mr. Solbach moved to adopt the minutes and agenda with a clarification that he was the one who began the meeting but then turned the meeting over to Mr. Hellmer. Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Skoglund began presenting the Annual Report for 2023 and said that he would ask for a vote with room for technical changes to minor errors. Mr. Skoglund's presentation included: the budget; legislative changes from the 2023 legislative session; the number of candidates at the city and county levels, statewide, House, and Senate; the number of political action committees and party committees; the number of Statements of Substantial Interests filed; the number of lobbyists; how many inquiries and investigations occurred throughout fiscal year 2023; how many complaints were filed, closed, and how many public hearings occurred; and the amount of civil penalties assessed and waived and fines imposed and collected throughout the fiscal year. Mr. Burger had questions regarding the language used in different places within the Annual Report. The language concerns were noted to be changed in the final version of the Annual Report. Mr. Harrison noted that his place of residence was incorrectly listed as Topeka instead of Prairie Village. The required change was noted.

Mr. Skoglund continued the presentation of the Annual Report with legislative recommendations. Starting with electronic filing for state candidates but noting that it will not be pushed during the legislative session. Mr. Skoglund briefly covered the ethics cleanup megabill. Mr. Skoglund then covered the recommended changes to allow Kansas political funds to be used in federal elections, noting that there is no perceived anti-corruption benefit. Fourthly, Mr. Skoglund discussed the

recommendation for requiring campaign account termination within six (6) years of the end of the most recent term of office or from the date of the election. The purpose of this recommendation is to reducing auditing issues that may arise from campaign accounts being open longer than banks maintain records. Mr. Skoglund presented the last legislative recommendation of having the chair and treasurers of political action and party committees be held responsible for report filing. The last portion of the Annual Report were the statistical comparison of lobbying expenditures that shows an increase in lobbyists and lobbying expenditures. Mr. Skoglund concluded the presentation of the Annual Report stating that he would entertain a motion or answer any questions or concerns as needed.

Mr. Burger reiterated his concerns from last month, asking if there was a way to change the language to making the recommendations the Executive Director's and staff's instead of the Commission's directly. Mr. Skoglund answered Mr. Burger's question and concerns about paid-for attributions on social media posts. Ms. Dengler confirmed that social media posts are the largest issue with paid-for attributions as to add clarity. Discussion ensued. Mr. Solbach moved to adopt the Annual Report with the technical changes and the wording changes to address Mr. Burger's concerns. Mr. Hellmer second the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Burger and Mr. Schoenhofer voting no. Mr. Skoglund asked how he could best address the concerns of the Mr. Burger and Mr. Schoenhofer voiced with their votes. Discussion ensued. Mr. Burger asked if the legislative recommendations could be provided even further in advance. Mr. Skoglund affirmed that they would be provided sooner next year.

Mr. Skoglund began the discussion around the late filing of election-sensitive reports and the filing of complaints, which was the second item of the Executive Director's report that was previously discussed at the October 25, 2023, Commission meeting. The purpose of this policy is to have the public disclosure available prior to the election. Mr. Skoglund's proposal was to file a complaint and proceed through the process if the report remains unfiled by 12:00 p.m. the day before the election. Discussion ensued, ending with Mr. Burger and Mr. Solbach stating that if a report remains unfiled by the end of day on the deadline, then the complaint process would begin. Chairman Hale asked questions about how this information would be disseminated to those to whom it applies. Mr. Skoglund discussed the fine imposition formula and answered Chairman Hale's questions stating that the guidance document would be mailed and also posted on our website, as we are required to do. Mr. Solbach made a motion to adopt the policy as a guidance document. Mr. Burger asked if Mr. Josh Ney had any comment to which he asked for clarification on which reports would be applicable. Mr. Burger seconded the motion. Mr. Skoglund asked to clarify if the motion was to proceed with the complaint process after the five-day statutory grace period expires instead of 12:00 p.m. the day prior. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Burger and Mr. Skoglund clarified the motion to mean that if a report was filed after the statutory deadline, it was a violation, but complaints would still not be filed until after the statutory grace period. Chairman Hale asked to take the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The last item Mr. Skoglund covered in his report was regarding the total of civil penalties as broken down by type of race. Mr. Skoglund presented it by percentages of penalties to the number of candidates. Discussion ensued.

General Counsel's Update

Ms. Bull-Stewart first touched on the statutory authority that K.S.A. 25-4181 has on civil fines and states that no there is nothing that would prevent the guidance document being adopted in that regard. Ms. Bull-Stewart went through the complaint process and provided when respondents did and did not

have the right to respond. Mr. Burger and Mr. Solbach began the discussion about what the sufficiency determination means and if the Commission would be bound by their decision. The next step of the complaint process Ms. Bull-Stewart covered was the probable cause determination and that respondents had the ability to submit a written statement. The last step of the complaint process Ms. Bull-Stewart covered was the public hearing. Discussion ensued. Ms. Bull-Stewart stated that the Presiding Member has discretion on when discovery would occur since it is allowed after the determination of probable cause. Ms. Bull-Stewart stated that a default judgment was appropriate under the Commission’s statutes, the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, and the Kansas Rules of Civil Procedure. Discussion ensued. Ms. Bull-Stewart also presented what actions can be taken after the final order is served. Discussion ensued.

The last portion of Ms. Bull-Stewart’s update was regarding the change from executive session to recessed session for the portion of the meeting that covers confidential matters. It was clarified that this would not change the contents or the confidentiality of the matters discussed in session.

Civil Penalty Waiver Discussion

Mr. Skoglund and Ms. Bull-Stewart led the discussion about the redaction concerns that were addressed at the October 25, 2023, meeting. Discussion ensued regarding what can be redacted under the Kansas Open Records Act as an invasion of privacy under certain items that have been previously tested. Further discussion occurred about being sensitive to financial and medical information and redacting to the public but have the information available to the Commission. Mr. Rodriguez said there was much stronger ground to redact medical information than there is financial information because the financial information redaction has not been tested.

Ms. Bull-Stewart stated that a lot of the information in the financial hardship declaration is arguably already public record. Chairman Hale asked for clarification on what the action would be. Ms. Bull-Stewart answered that, as long as the language identifies what will be redacted for the public on both the waiver request form and the financial hardship declaration. Ms. Dengler proposed having what can be redacted and why it can be redacted in a guidance document. The guidance document, waiver request form, and the financial hardship declaration with the amendments to the language for redactions will be presented at the January 24, 2024, meeting.

Civil Penalty Assessment Orders

October 30, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report

Shelia Davis,	
Candidate for Mayor	\$1,000
Scott Hamblin,	
Candidate for City Council	\$1,000
Enaam Shull,	
Candidate for City Council	\$600
Jenny Webster,	
Candidate for City Council	\$550

Civil Penalty Waiver Requests

Mr. Skoglund requested a waiver extension for Anthony Gallardo, Candidate for Mayor, whose civil penalty payment was received one day after the conditional waiver deadline. Discussion ensued. Mr. Solbach made the motion to extend Mr. Gallardo's waiver deadline. Mr. Krull seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Burger voting no.

Mr. Skoglund presented a waiver request for Jason Anderson, Treasurer for the Freedom to Learn PAC, for failing to file the 2023 Political Action Committee registration statement and accompanying fee in a timely manner. Mr. Schoenhofer moved to waive the civil penalty assessed against Mr. Anderson. Mr. Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Skoglund presented a waiver request for Mike Hoheisel, Treasurer for the Stop Kobach PAC, for failing to file the 2023 Political Action Committee registration statement and accompanying fee. Mr. Solbach moved to waive \$250 if the remaining \$50 was paid within thirty (30) days. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Skoglund presented a waiver request for Cille King, Lobbyist for the League of Women Voters of Kansas, for failing to file the September 10, 2023, Lobbyist Employment and Expenditures Report. Mr. Krull moved to waive the civil penalty. Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Burger voting no.

Mr. Skoglund requested a waiver extension for Yvonne Schneider, Treasurer for the Greeley County Republican Central Committee, who received a conditional waiver at the October 26, 2022, meeting of \$250 from the assessed \$300 if the remaining \$50 was paid within thirty (30) days. The waiver extension was provided with no recommendation and was raised from concern of Ms. Schneider after receiving collections letters regarding the civil penalty. Discussion ensued. Mr. Krull moved to approve the extension of the conditional waiver deadline. Mr. Solbach seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued. The motion passed with Mr. Burger voting no.

Public Hearing

The public hearing for Complaint No 748 against Marcus Clark was called to order at 2:43 p.m. The matter was recorded, with Mr. Hellmer as the Presiding Officer. Ms. Bull-Stewart and Mr. Skoglund were in attendance. Mr. Clark was not in attendance. Ms. Bull-Stewart provided the methods of service for Mr. Clark throughout each step of the complaint process. There were inquiries of Ms. Bull-Stewart. Ms. Bull-Stewart proffered by stating that Mr. Clark was responsible for his campaign filings since he was also his campaign's treasurer. Complaint No. 748 was for three (3) counts of failing to file Receipts and Expenditures Reports, two (2) of which were amended reports. At the conclusion of Ms. Bull-Stewart's proffer, Presiding Officer Hellmer asked if any Commissioners had any inquiry of Ms. Bull-Stewart. Mr. Burger raised that the Affidavit in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause did not have the proper attestation and asked the Mr. Skoglund to be put under oath to restate what was in the affidavit. Presiding Officer Hellmer granted that request. Ms. Quintana-Padgett swore in Mr. Skoglund, to which Mr. Skoglund responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Burger asked Mr. Skoglund if the information in the complaint was true, to which Mr. Skoglund stated that he found it true, correct, and complete after his examination. Mr. Burger then asked of Ms. Bull-Stewart how the Rules of Civil Procedure interacted with the Campaign Finance Act. Presiding Officer Hellmer asked if there was a motion in this matter. Ms. Bull-Stewart stated that the motion was

to find Mr. Clark liable for failing to file the October 2021 Amended Report, the January 2022 Amended Report, and the January 2023 Report. Mr. Krull made the motion. Mr. Solbach seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion passed with Mr. Burger voting no. Presiding Officer Hellmer accepted the motion and stated the motion and recommendation were accepted and that Mr. Clark was in default.

Ms. Bull-Stewart deferred to Mr. Skoglund to present the recommendation for the civil fine imposition. Mr. Skoglund stated that statute allows the Commission to impose a fine up to \$15,000 and provided the Commission's historical practice. Mr. Skoglund stated that, while having no recommendation on the imposed fine amount, he would recommend having there be a significant reduction if the reports are filed, and the fine is paid within a timeframe set by the Commission. Discussion ensued. Mr. Solbach moved to impose a \$10,000 civil fine against Mr. Clark but to reduce it to \$1,000 if the fine is paid and the reports at issue are filed within thirty (30) days of the order being sent. Mr. Solbach added to his motion that recommendations are not made to the Attorney General or the Shawnee County District Attorney for potential further action. Mr. Krull seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Burger voting no.

Executive Session

At 3:06 p.m., Mr. Krull stated "I move that the Commission recess this open meeting, with conflict counsel, Jay Rodriguez, present, to discuss matters related to confidential investigations pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4165 and for good cause as provided by K.A.R. 19-6-2. Justification for recess is so the Commission can exercise quasi-judicial functions when deliberating matters relating to said confidential investigation as contemplated by K.S.A. 75-4318(g)(a). The open meeting shall be resumed here at 3:17 p.m." Mr. Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon return from executive session, Mr. Solbach moved to dismiss Complaint Nos. 756, 757, 758, and 759. Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Solbach moved to find probable cause in Complaint No. 755. Mr. Krull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing for Complaint No. 755 will be set for hearing on January 24, 2024.

Next Meeting Date

Chairman Hale announced that the next meeting would be held on January 24, 2024.

Adjournment

At 3:23 p.m., Chairman Hale asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hellmer moved to adjourn. Ms. Dengler second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**STATUS OF FILINGS FOR JANUARY 10, 2024
RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES REPORTS**

Candidates	Number Required to File	Number of Failure to File Notices Sent	Number of Reports Outstanding
2024 State Candidates	82	1	1
2022 State Candidates	153	7	7
2020, 2018, 2016 Carryover Candidates	181	5	5
2014, 2012, 2010 Carryover Candidates	24	2	2
2008, 2006, 2004 Carryover Candidates	7	0	0
2002, 1994, 1992 Carryover Candidates	4	0	0
2023 City Candidates	145	0	10
County Carryover Candidates	39	0	0
2020 County Candidates	50	0	3
2022 County Candidates	27	0	1
City Carryover Candidates	78	0	6
TOTAL CANDIDATES	790	15	35
Party Committees			
State Party Committees	4	0	0
Recognized Party Committees	4	0	0
Democratic County Central Committees	66	7	7
Libertarian County Central Committees	1	1	1
Republican County Central Committees	99	7	7
Congressional District Committees	8	0	0
TOTAL PARTY COMMITTEES	182	15	15
Political Committees			
General	212	18	18
Democratic Women's Clubs	10	0	0
Republican Women's Clubs	5	0	0
TOTAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES	227	18	18



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Guidance Document: Civil Penalty Waivers

Steps that must be completed to request a waiver

- (1) Please refer to the Waiver Request Form to see what can and cannot potentially qualify you for a waiver. The Commission will only allow a waiver for the Categories of Good Cause included in the Waiver Request Form. If the Commission grants a waiver for a reason that is not included in the Categories of Good Cause, then the Commission will state its justification for doing so during the open meeting considering the waiver request at issue.
- (2) Prior to submitting the completed waiver form, the report associated with the relevant civil penalty assessment must have been submitted to the Commission. This requirement may only be waived by the Commission when the assessed individual is no longer the person required to file the requisite report and the individual has proven that they have provided all materials necessary to filing to any successor.
- (3) The request must be completed on the official form(s) provided by the Commission. Such form(s) are available on the Commission's official website.
- (4) The completed waiver request form(s) may be submitted via U.S. mail, facsimile, email to the Commission's official email address, or through hand delivery to the Commission's office. It is deemed submitted only upon receipt by the office.
- (5) To be considered for a waiver, the required form(s) and any supporting documentation must be completed and submitted within thirty (30) days after the person assessed receives the civil penalty assessment order, pursuant to K.A.R. 19-4a-1.
 - i. The Commission may only extend this time upon a specific request and showing of unique circumstances outside the control of the individual requesting a waiver. Any such showing must be accompanied with evidence to prove that a waiver request could not have been filed during this timeframe. The waiver request must be filed immediately after the intervening factor has abated or no extension of time shall be given.

- (6) To be considered for a waiver request due to financial hardship, a financial hardship declaration must be completed on the official form provided by the Commission and submitted simultaneously with the associated waiver request.
- (7) Any person who has been assessed multiple civil penalties may submit one waiver request for multiple penalties, provided that the waiver is requested within thirty (30) days after the person assessed receives the first civil penalty assessment order for which a waiver is sought, pursuant to K.A.R. 19-4a-1.

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WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Instructions

To be considered for a waiver request, this form and supplemental documentation must be completed and submitted within thirty (30) days of the assessment order pursuant to K.A.R. 19-4a-1. THIS FORM IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN PUBLIC MEETING MATERIALS. ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WILL BE REDACTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 45-215 THROUGH K.S.A.

45-223. The intentional filing of false information on this form is a class A misdemeanor. **Waiver**

Qualifying

- No activity during the reporting period.
- Previous compliance or being a first-time filer.
- No longer with the committee, campaign, or organization.
- Loss of primary or withdrawal of candidacy.

Name	Position
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s)	

Please select the appropriate form or report.

Appointment of Treasurer (Candidate or Candidate Committee)

Statement of Organization (Political Action or Party Committee)

Receipts & Expenditures Report (Candidate or Committee)

Employment & Expenditures Report (Lobbyist)

Registration (Political Action Committee or Lobbyist)

Statement of Substantial Interests (Public Officials)

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Report Due
Failure to File Notice Sent
Report Received
Date Assessed
Amount Assessed

Please select all that apply and provide an accompanying explanation in the space provided.

Categories of Good Cause	Supplemental Documentation Examples
<u>Medical Circumstances</u> of a person essential to filing or their immediate family member that caused the delay in filing.	Doctor's statement with date(s), hospital bills, police incident report, death certificate/obituary, etc.
<u>Financial Hardship</u> - the assessed civil penalty creates an undue financial burden.	The financial hardship declaration <u>must</u> be completed.
<u>Natural Disaster or Theft</u> making timely filing impossible due to the unavailability of records.	Police incident, fire, or insurance report(s) with dates provided and the details of the loss or damage.
<u>Other Unique Circumstances</u> not previously mentioned that did not arise from the filer's delay or negligence.	Any documentation that will substantiate the reason as to why the filing was delayed.

Additional Explanation

I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information is true and correct. Further, I understand that some or all of the information included on and with this declaration may be made publicly available under the Kansas Open Records Act (K.S.A. 45-215 through K.S.A. 45-223).

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature

Submitting the Form

This form and related documents may be emailed to KGEC_Ethics@ks.gov or mailed/delivered to:

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
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Topeka, KS 66612

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FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DECLARATION

Instructions

This declaration must be submitted with the Waiver Request Form to be considered for a Financial Hardship waiver of civil penalties. THIS FORM IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN PUBLIC MEETING MATERIALS. ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WILL BE REDACTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 45-215 THROUGH K.S.A. 45-223. The intentional filing of false information on this form is a class A misdemeanor.

Name	Position
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s)	

All monetary amounts listed below must be provided.

I. Income

Monthly Income: \$ _____

Employer Name: _____

Employer Address: _____

Employer Phone Number: _____

Check Here if You Are Self-Employed: ☐ If you are self-employed, please provide the following information.

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

II. Expenses

Monthly Housing (Rent or Mortgage): \$ _____

Other Monthly Expenses: \$ _____

III. Other Resources

\$ _____

Other Pertinent Financial Information

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I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information is true and correct and I am unable to pay the civil penalties imposed by K.S.A. Chapters 25 or 46 due to my financial hardship. Further, I understand that that some or all information included on and with this declaration may be made publicly available under the Kansas Open Records Act (K.S.A. 45-215 through K.S.A. 45-223).

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day
of _____, 20____.

Signature



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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TO: Commission Members

FROM: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director

DATE: January 24, 2024

RE: Candidate and Treasurer Civil Penalties

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 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 individuals did not file in a timely manner:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Days Late</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 30, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report			
Shayla Ross, Treasurer for Candidate for Mayor	12/26/2023	30+	\$300



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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TO: Commission Members

FROM: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director

DATE: January 24, 2024

RE: Lobbyist Civil Penalties

The following individuals failed to file the required report by the due date for penalty free filing. K.S.A. 46-280 provides that a certified notice shall be sent to a lobbyist failing to file any required report, and that the lobbyist shall have 2 days from the day the notice was sent to file the report. After that date, the civil penalty is \$100 the first day and \$50 for each subsequent day up to a maximum of \$1,000. The following individuals did not file in a timely manner:

Name	Date Filed	Days Late	Amount
January 10, 2024, Employment & Expenditures Report			
Erika Devore, Lobbyist Kansas Recreation and Park Association	1/17/24	3	\$200
Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist EKOGA: Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas	1/17/24	3	\$200
Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist Fuel True Independent Energy and Convenience	1/17/24	3	\$200
Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist Lamar	1/17/24	3	\$200
Allen Kenny, Lobbyist ICS Networks, LLC	1/17/24	3	\$200
Robert Manes, Lobbyist The Nature Conservancy Kansas	1/17/24	3	\$200
Stephanie Yeager, Lobbyist International Association of Firefighters Local 135	1/18/24	4	\$250

Payge Quintana [KGEC]

From: Clark Chaney <cchaney1512@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 12:31 PM
To: KGEC_Ethics
Subject: Receipts & Expenditures Report (late filing)
Attachments: Receipts+Expenditures Report - Ciara Chaney - 7-24-23.pdf

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Greetings,

Attached is the completed receipts and expenditures report for Ciara Chaney who is campaigning for Prairie Village City Council, Ward 5. I apologize for the delay but we were incorrectly informed that this was only for candidates running in a primary campaign. Please let me know if there are any further information or clarifications necessary, or if this report needs to be submitted by a different method. Thank you!

Clark C. Chaney DDS
Treasurer - Ciara for PV
cell: 913-515-1561

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Dear Members of the Kansas Government Ethics Commission,

My name is Clark Chaney and I am the Treasurer for my wife Ciara Chaney's City Council campaign for the city of Prairie Village. I am writing this updated appeal letter because my first submission of an appeal letter in August was not received by the Commission, as we had assumed it was, and we have been waiting for an update from the Ethics Commission regarding the status of this appeal. This campaign was the first experience for either of us with the pursuit of public office or with any type of campaign efforts at any level, and it shows.

Ciara and I are both employed full-time and have two young children, ages 2 and 4, that love to keep us busy as well. Because of our hectic schedule during our campaign efforts, we relied heavily on the advice and input of others during our campaign process. As Treasurer for my wife's campaign, I assume full responsibility for the late submission of the first round of Campaign Finance Reports and for the failure in properly submitting and following-up on our initial appeal submitted to the Ethics Commission. Despite the multiple errors and ignorance of campaign processes, I am humbly requesting the Ethics Committee reconsider this penalty and forgiveness of this \$500 penalty assessed to our campaign for the delay in this report.

Prior to the Summer primary races, we were informed directly by multiple people on, and/or closely associated with the current Prairie Village City Council, that these initial finance reports were not required for candidates who did not participate in Primary campaign races. Because of this, and because our campaign fund raising efforts were just beginning, I incorrectly assumed that the only report that was to be required for our campaign was the full report due in November after the general election. Again, the fault of this assumption and for not looking into reporting details further is my fault entirely. Upon receiving notice of this error, we quickly gathered all necessary information and submitted the report as accurately and quickly as possible. As you will hopefully see from the thoroughness and timely submission of our November finance report, it was my best intention to complete all documents accurately and in full-faith.

If my wife decides to run for City Council again, or for any other public office in the state of Kansas, I will personally ensure that all requirements from State and local authorities are being met without exception. After talking to representatives in your office on multiple occasions now, I am aware of how helpful your organization is and how much I need to utilize your information and guidance for any future campaign efforts. I am again asking for your forgiveness of our errors in running our small campaign and your reconsideration of partially or entirely reducing the penalty assessed to our campaign. I am happy to appear in person or talk on the phone at anytime if this would help the Commission in any way during your consideration of this appeal. Thank you for your time and your consideration of this appeal.

Sincerely,



Clark Chaney
Treasurer – Ciara for PV

From: [Jessica White \[KGEC\]](#)
To: [Payge Quintana \[KGEC\]](#); [Mark Skoglund \[KGEC\]](#)
Subject: FW: Waiver for Ethics Commission
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024 11:39:12 AM

Here is Erika Devore's waiver request. I know we try not to do them the same month but figured we could get this in.

Thanks!

Jessica White
Lobbyist Coordinator
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
Phone: 785-291-3569

From: Erika Devore <erika@krpa.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 8:42 AM
To: Jessica White [KGEC] <Jessica.White@ks.gov>
Subject: Waiver for Ethics Commission

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Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission,
It was brought to my attention that my lobbyist report was not submitted on time. I had logged in on 1/2/2024 and saved the report when I thought I had submitted the report. I worked with Jessica White yesterday and have submitted my report. I am asking to have my fee waived for the mistake I made in submitting my report.

I appreciate your consideration and would be happy to answer any questions.

Erika Devore
Executive Director
Kansas Recreation and Park Association (KRPA)
P.O Box 1283
Lawrence, KS 66044

Phone: 785-235-6533
Website: www.krpa.org

To advance park and recreation opportunities that enhance the quality of life through education, communications and advocacy.

January 22, 2024

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Dear Commission,

Waiver Request for Bob Reese

I am requesting the Commission waive the penalty for late filing of my campaign finance report. The report was not filed by the deadline since some of the documents for the expenses were not accessible. I did not want to submit and attest to the validity of the report without verifying the expenses and having the documentation available to support it.

Waiver Request for Marsha Reese

I am also requesting the commission waive the penalty for late filing of my campaign finance report for my campaign's treasurer, Marsha Reese. I told her I would take care of obtaining the documents and file the report. She did not have access to the documents and information needed to complete the report.

Reason for Waiver

The report could not be filed and submitted as valid until documentation for closure of the bank account and forgiveness of the loan payable was retrieved. Details of the bank fees and loan forgiveness were needed to complete the report and fully terminate the campaign funds.

- When I became aware of the open filing, I found that the records from the campaign had been stored and put into a records box that was moved from the residence. It took some time to retrieve them since there were many boxes to inspect.

Filing of Report

As soon as I obtained the records, I completed my report on paper, checked it, contacted the office to confirm I was properly reporting the forgiveness of the loan payable and termination of the campaign fund. I then logged into the reporting site, entered and submitted it. I called the Office to confirm that it was received and to make sure I had reported everything properly. I was told it was correctly filled out and submitted.

In Person Appearance

I am not asking to appear before the Commission. If any questions or matters are identified that make it necessary, just notify me, and I will be glad to answer questions in person or via an electronic meeting.

Summary

Once I had the information, I filed my report. At no time was my delay due to my ignoring the reporting requirement or not wanting to comply. Without the documents, I could not verify the dates and amounts and accurately attest to the filing. Once I had them, I filed and signed the report.

I am sending this request to the Commission via fax or email to get it delivered prior to its next meeting.

I have mailed a copy of it, with two checks, each for \$300. If the waiver requests are denied, the checks are for the penalties for myself and my treasurer. If a waiver is granted to either of us, please return the check(s) to me.

Best regards,



Bob Reese
7913 Roe Avenue
Prairie Village, KS 66208

December 11, 2023

Mark Skoglund – Executive Director
Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612

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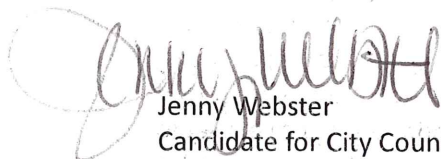
Dear Mr. Skoglund,

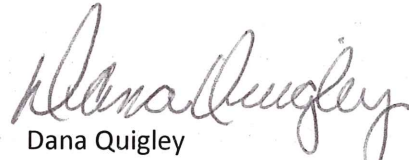
I am writing in response to the letter dated November 30, 2023, regarding the Commission assessing me a civil penalty of \$550 for the late filing of a required form. I do not plan to appear in person at the next scheduled Commission meeting. Please accept this letter as my formal request for a complete waiver of the penalty.

Our final Receipts and Expenditures Report from 2020 filed with the Sedgwick County Election Office indicated only a \$5 balance in the bank. I was running unopposed in 2023, NO monies were raised, and NO monies were spent on this campaign. My Treasurer, Dana Quigley, and I discussed the October 30, 2023, Receipts & Expenditures Report. We agreed that there had been \$0, no dollars contributed or spent on my campaign since the last report was filed. A couple of days later we both received the letter stating that there was no need to report any contributions below the \$300 threshold. We both skimmed the letters and found NO specific dates on the letters as to when they had been sent. It just stated October 2023. Our mistakes came in just skimming the letters and believing the "Report of Last Minute Contributions of \$300 or More" letter to supersede the October 30, 2023, Receipts & Expenditures Report. We mistakenly took away that we did not need to file the October 30, 2023, Receipts & Expenditures Report only the final report due January 10, 2024. Once my Treasurer received the notice of failure to file the report we went back and did not skim the letters but read in depth and realized our mistakes. We were not dealing with any monies in or out and a very small balance, so we did not pay enough attention to the instructions spelled out in the letters. For that we sincerely apologize and have realized that we both need to pay closer attention to the notices distributed by the Governmental Ethics Commission. Again, we humbly ask for a complete waiver of the penalty and do intend to thoroughly read all letters and to file all further reports exactly on time.

Thank You in advance for your consideration of our request.

Best Regards,


Jenny Webster
Candidate for City Council
875 English Ct
Derby, KS 67037


Dana Quigley
Treasurer for Jenny Webster
401 N. McIntosh Rd
Derby, KS 67037



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

<https://ethics.kansas.gov>

December 20, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Scott Hamblin
17735 Garnett St.
Overland Park, KS 66221

Re: Administrative Record and Notice of Public Hearing for Complaint No. 755

Dear Mr. Hamblin:

On September 26, 2023, Complaint No. 755 was filed with the Commission alleging that you had violated certain provisions of the Kansas Campaign Finance Act. On September 27, 2023, the Commission found that Complaint No. 755 alleged facts sufficient to constitute a violation of the Kansas Campaign Finance Act. Then, on November 29, 2023, the Commission determined that there was probable cause to believe the allegations in Complaint No. 755.

Enclosed with this letter is the Notice of Public Hearing, notifying you that the Commission ordered a public hearing regarding your liability under Complaint No. 755.

Several documents making up the Commission's administrative record were sent to the most recent address you have on file with the Commission, 17735 Garnett St., Overland Park, KS 66221, via first-class and certified mail. If you did not receive those documents, they are enclosed. The included documents make up the Commission's Administrative Record for Complaint No. 755.

Please be further advised that the Commission reserves and retains all its rights and remedies. Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart
General Counsel

Kaitlyn.Bull-Stewart@ks.gov

BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

(Commission Use Only)

MARK SKOGLUND, Executive Director,)
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission,)
Complainant.)

vs.)

Complaint No. 755

SCOTT HAMBLIN, Candidate for)
City Council,)
Respondent.)

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW, Mark Skoglund, Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (the “Executive Director”), and hereby moves the Commission to continue the public hearing set for January 24, 2024, at 1:30 pm regarding the above-captioned matter. The Executive Director offers the following in support of this request:

1. Complaint No. 755 was found sufficient at the September 27, 2023, Commission meeting.
2. At the November 29, 2023, Commission meeting, the Commission determined there was probable cause to believe the allegations in Complaint No. 755 and the Commission ordered a public hearing to be held at the January 24, 2024, Commission meeting.
3. Due to various service issues, including inconsistent deliveries by USPS to the residential address of the Respondent, the Executive Director is concerned that the Respondent may not have received sufficient notice of the public hearing set for January 24, 2024, at 1:30 pm.
4. As a result, the Executive Director proposes to continue the public hearing over Complaint No. 755 until the February 28, 2024, Commission meeting at 1:30 pm to ensure proper service upon the Respondent.

WHEREFORE, the Executive Director requests the Commission order the public hearing in Complaint No. 755, which was originally scheduled for January 24, 2024, at 1:30 pm, be rescheduled for February 28, 2024, at 1:30 pm. The Executive Director further request the presiding officer for the hearing issue a new Notice of Public hearing reflecting the new hearing date.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart

Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart, #28892

General Counsel

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

901 S. Kansas Ave.

Topeka, KS 66612

(785) 296-4219; (785) 296-2548 (fax)

kaitlyn.bull-stewart@ks.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that on this 24th day of January 2024, I filed a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing with the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, and a copy of the foregoing was deposited in U.S. mail, certified return receipt requested, and first-class postage prepaid addressed to the following:

Scott Hamblin
17735 Garnett St.
Overland Park, Kansas 66221

/s/ Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart
Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart, #28892

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vs.)

Complaint No. 755

SCOTT HAMBLIN, Candidate for)
City Council,)
Respondent.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOW, on this day, the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (“Commission”), which is tasked in K.S.A. 25-4119a with enforcing the Kansas Campaign Finance Act, orders a public hearing regarding Complaint No. 755.

On the November 29, 2023, the Commission found probable cause to believe Scott Hamblin (“Respondent”) violated K.S.A. 25-4148 by failing to file the requisite campaign finance reports as alleged in the Complaint. Consequently, as provided by K.S.A. 25-4161(e) and K.S.A. 25-4163(a), the Commission hereby orders a public hearing regarding Respondent’s liability for the Campaign Finance Act violations alleged in Complaint No. 755.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission’s conference room, 901 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Commissioner Patricia Dengler shall serve as the Commission’s presiding officer for the hearing. The hearing will be held in person unless Respondent requests to attend remotely, through either videoconference or telephone. The Respondent must notify the Commission in writing by 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 22, 2024, if he would like to attend the hearing remotely.

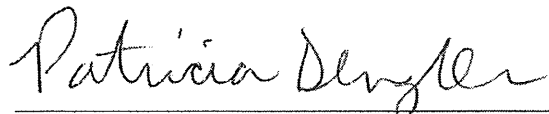
In compliance with K.S.A. 25-4163(a), the hearing will be held before the Commission as a whole. Additionally, pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4163(a) and K.S.A. 25-4161(h)(1) the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (K.S.A. 77-501 *et. seq.*)

and the Kansas Code of Civil Procedure (K.S.A. Chapter 60), K.A.R. 19-7-1 through K.A.R. 19-7-16¹ and K.S.A. 77-513 through K.S.A. 77-532² provide the procedure for hearings conducted in front of the Commission.

The Commission will consider the following issue at the hearing, whether Respondent is liable for failing to file a July 24, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report for the January 1, 2023, through July 20, 2023, reporting period.

If a party fails to attend or otherwise participate in the hearing, then that party may be held in default under K.S.A. 77-520 and a default judgment may be entered against said party.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Patricia Dengler, Presiding Member
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

¹ Copies of the procedural regulations may be found at <https://ethics.kansas.gov/commission/procedural-rules-and-regulations/>

² Copies of the procedural statutes may be found at https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/ksa_ch77.html

BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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MARK SKOGLUND, Executive Director,)
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission,)
Complainant.)

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Complaint No. 755

SCOTT HAMBLIN, Candidate for)
City Council,)
Respondent.)

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

A. Complainant: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, Kansas 66612
(785) 296-4219

B. Respondent: Scott Hamblin
17735 Garnett St.
Overland Park, Kansas 66221

C. Complainant alleges:


1. Scott Hamblin was a candidate for city council in the 2023 election cycle and also served as his own treasurer. Scott Hamblin's treasurer was required to file a Receipts and Expenditures Report for the applicable time periods under K.S.A. 25-4148(a); however, despite being responsible for filing such report under K.S.A. 25-4152(a), no such report was filed.
2. On July 26, 2023, the Commission sent notice, via certified mail return receipt requested, to Scott Hamblin notifying him of the requirement to file a July 24, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report for the January 1, 2023, through July 20, 2023, reporting period ("July 2023 Report.")

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Signature of complainant

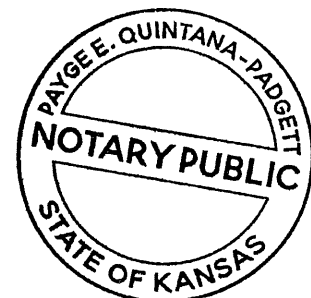
State of Kansas)
) ss
County of Shawnee)

I am the Complainant above-named; I have read the Complaint; I know the contents thereof, and all the statements made therein are true.


Signature of complainant


Notary Public

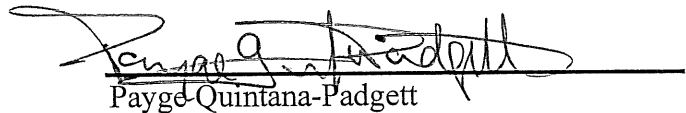
My appointment expires: August 30, 2027



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 18th day of October 2023, the foregoing First Amended Complaint was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class certified mail postage prepaid, sign return receipt requested, **and** deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid addressed to the following:

Scott Hamblin
17735 Garnett St.
Overland Park, KS 66221

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Payge Quintana-Padgett
Office Manager
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901 S. Kansas Avenue
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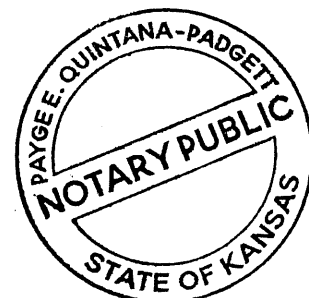
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Signature of complainant

State of Kansas)
) ss
County of Shawnee)

Signature of complainant


Notary Public

(Seal)



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 26th day of September 2023, the foregoing Complaint was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class certified mail postage prepaid, sign return receipt requested, **and** deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid addressed to the following:

Scott Hamblin
17735 Garnett St.
Overland Park, KS 66221

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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

<https://ethics.kansas.gov>

October 3, 2023

Scott Hamblin
17735 Garnett St
Overland Park, KS 66221

Dear Mr. Hamblin:

On September 26, 2023, Complaint No. 755 was filed with the Commission alleging that you had violated the Campaign Finance Act.

At the September 27, 2023, meeting, the Commission determined the complaint alleged facts sufficient to constitute a violation of the Campaign Finance Act. At the October 25, 2023, meeting, the Commission will determine whether probable cause exists for believing the allegations in the complaint. In that regard, Commission rules and regulations provide you with the opportunity, in person or through counsel, to submit a written statement prior to that determination. If you wish to have a statement heard by the Commission, please mail or email the statement to KGEC_Ethics@ks.gov so that it arrives at the Commission's office prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 20, 2023.

If the Commission determines that probable cause exists, the complaint shall become a matter of public record and the Commission will fix a time for a hearing, which will not be more than thirty (30) days after the determination of probable cause. If the Commission finds that probable cause does not exist, the complaint will be dismissed.

If you need assistance or desire additional information, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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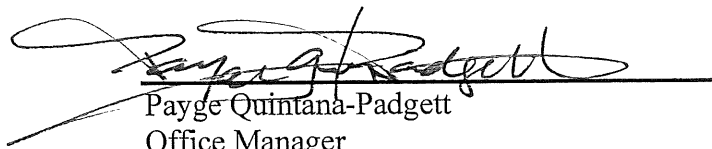
Mark Skoglund
Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 3rd day of October 2023, the foregoing Probable Cause Notice was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class certified mail postage prepaid, sign return receipt requested, **and** deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid addressed to the following:

Scott Hamblin
17735 Garnett St.
Overland Park, KS 66221



Payge Quintana-Padgett
Office Manager
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901 S. Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612
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BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission,)
Complainant.)

vs.)

Complaint No. 755

SCOTT HAMBLIN, Candidate for)
City Council,)
Respondent.)

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

Jennifer Schneider, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, upon her oath, deposes and states:


1. I am the Local Campaign Finance Coordinator for the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission.

2. All statements contained in this Affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge and are true to the best of my knowledge.

3. Scott Hamblin, as the treasurer for his own campaign, was required to file a July 24, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report; however, Mr. Hamblin has not filed the report.

4. I made several written attempts to notify Mr. Hamblin of his obligation as treasurer, specifically: (1) on July 26, 2023, I reminded Mr. Hamblin, via email, to file a July 2023 report, and I attached a blank report form to that email; (2) on July 26, 2023, I also mailed the Notice of

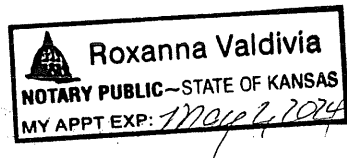
Failure to File the July 2023 Report, via certified mail return receipt requested, to Mr. Hamblin;
and (3) on August 3, 2023, I mailed a civil penalty reminder to Mr. Hamblin, via first class mail,
along with a copy of the Notice of Failure to File the July 2023 Report.


Jennifer Schneider
Local Campaign Finance Coordinator
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of October 2023.


Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: May 2, 2024





GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION
<https://ethics.kansas.gov>

October 30, 2023

Scott Hamblin,
Candidate for City Council
17735 Garnett St
Overland Park, KS 66221

Dear Mr. Hamblin:

On October 3, 2023, the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission sent a letter to inform you of Complaint No. 755 being found sufficient to constitute a violation of the Campaign Finance Act and what would subsequently occur.

This letter is to inform you that the probable cause determination for Complaint No. 755 that was to occur on October 25, 2023, will now occur on November 29, 2023.

Commission rules and regulations provide you with the opportunity to appear in person, through counsel, or to submit a written statement prior to this determination. If you wish to have a statement presented to the commission, please mail the statement to the above address so that it arrives no later than November 22, 2023.

If the Commission determines that probable cause does exist, the complaint shall become a matter of public record and the Commission will fix a time for a public hearing, which will not be more than thirty (30) days after the determination of probable cause. If the Commission find that probable cause does not exist, the complaint will be dismissed.

If you need assistance or further information, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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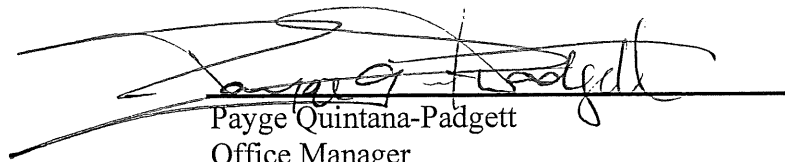
Mark Skoglund
Executive Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 30th day of October 2023, the foregoing Probable Cause Continuance was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class certified mail postage prepaid, sign return receipt requested, **and** deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid addressed to the following:

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17735 Garnett St.
Overland Park, KS 66221

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 20 day of December 2023, the above and foregoing Notice of Public Hearing and Administrative Record for Complaint No. 755 was deposited in the U.S. mail, first class certified mail postage prepaid, sign return receipt requested, and deposited in the U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid addressed to the following:

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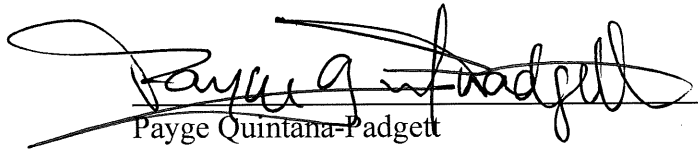
The following individuals were provided with copies via email:

Commissioner Patricia Dengler
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
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Topeka, Kansas 66612
(785) 296-4219
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Mark Skoglund
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