

Agenda
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S Kansas Ave
Topeka, KS 66612
March 27, 2024
1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Call meeting to order

Introduction of new Commissioners

- Earl Glynn
- Beau Jackson

Review and approve today's meeting agenda and the January 24, 2024, meeting minutes and March 7, 2024, special meeting minutes.

Opinion 2024-01

Appointment of subcommittees for regulation review

Civil Penalty Assessments

Candidates and Treasurers

William Barajas, Treasurer for State Representative	Kristi Bond, Treasurer for Candidate for City Council
Brad Boyd, Candidate and Treasurer for State Representative	Charles Brettell, Candidate for City Council
Rosalyn Brown, Treasurer for Candidate for Unified Government	Jose Cabrera, Candidate for State Representative
Scott Hamblin, Candidate for City Council	CeCe Harlin, Candidate for Board of Public Utilities (2)
Harold Johnson, Candidate for Unified Government Commissioner	Tatum Lee, Candidate and Treasurer for State Representative
Carl Maughan, Candidate and Treasurer for State Representative	Rafael Rodriguez, Jr., Candidate for City Commissioner (2)
Daniel Stillwell, Treasurer for Candidate for State Representative	Sam Stillwell, Candidate for State Representative
Melvin Williams, Jr., Candidate for Unified Government Commissioner	Stephanie Yeager, Candidate and Treasurer for State Representative

Political Action Committee and Party Committee Treasurers

Thomas Alonzo, Treasurer for Equality Kansas PAC	Rebecca Baumgartner, Treasurer for PAC of the Greater KC Chamber of Commerce
John Carson, Treasurer for Kansas City Realtors PAC	David Chiles, Treasurer for Kansas Peoples Action PAC
Rhonda Cox, Treasurer for Kansas Democratic LGBT Caucus	Mary Ann Dvorachek, Treasurer for Allen County Democratic Central Committee

Mike Gibson, Treasurer for Associated General Contractors of Kansas	James Harden, Treasurer for Clark County Republican Central Committee
Max Knopp, Treasurer for Integrity in Kansas House	Dustin Morris, Treasurer for Young Republican National Federation
Richard Ramos, Treasurer for Firefighters Club 83	Paula Roegge, Treasurer for Kansas 1 st Congressional District Democrats
Clinton Swan, Treasurer for Kansas City, Kansas FOP Lodge #4 PAC	

Lobbyists

Patrick Baker, Lobbyist for Western Governors University	Christopher Chastain, Lobbyist for NAMI Kansas
Geovannie Gone, Lobbyist for Immunize Kansas Coalition	Brett Harris, Lobbyist for Kansas Cannabis Chamber of Commerce
Taryn Jones, Lobbyist for Equality Kansas	Allen Kenny, Lobbyist for ICS Networks LLC
Carl McDonald, Lobbyist for Colo Energy Productions, LLC	Rebekah Meigs, Lobbyist for Kansas Interfaith Action
Reshon Moore, Lobbyist for Little Government Relations	David Schneider, Lobbyist for Rising States of America Association
C E Scroggins, Lobbyist for BiasbustersofAhhKansas	Jason Wagner, Lobbyist for RJF Consulting

Civil Penalty Waiver Requests

- Patrick Baker, Lobbyist for Western Governors University
- Christopher Chastain, Lobbyist for NAMI Kansas
- Shelia Davis, Candidate for Mayor
- Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist for
 - EKOGA: Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association
 - Fuel True Independent Energy and Convenience
 - Lamar
- Robert Manes, Lobbyist for The Nature Conservancy Kansas
- David Schneider, Lobbyist for Rising States of America Association
- C E Scroggins, Lobbyist for BiasbustersofAhhKansas
- Jason Wagner, Lobbyist for RJF Consulting

Civil Fine Hearing

- Complaint No. 755 – Scott Hamblin

Executive Session

Recessed Session

Next Meeting Date: April 24, 2024

4:00 p.m. Adjournment

Minutes
Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612
January 24, 2024
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 November 29, 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. Krull moved to approve the agenda and minutes. Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Skoglund presented the status report for January 10, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report. Every candidate, committee, and lobbyist owed a report on January 10, 2024. As of the meeting, 790 total candidates were required to file a report with 35 reports were still outstanding, 182 party committees were required to file a report with 15 reports still outstanding, and 227 political action committees were required to file a report with 18 still outstanding. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Skoglund then verbally presented an update on the Lobbyist Employment and Expenditures Reports. As of the meeting, 1,079 of the 1,082 Employment and Expenditures Reports required to be filed on January 10, 2024, were filed.

Civil Penalty Waiver Discussion

Ms. Bull-Stewart presented the guidance document, how it incorporates the forms for ease of public use, and the redaction policy with the financial Hardship declaration and Waiver Request Form. Chairman Hale asked if the goal of this presentation was to adopt the Guidance Document and two forms, which Mr. Skoglund confirmed. Mr. Krull made the motion to adopt the Civil Penalty Guidance Document, the Waiver Request Form, and the Financial Hardship Declaration. Ms. Deterding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Civil Penalty Assessment Orders

October 30, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report

Shayla Ross Treasurer for Candidate for Mayor	\$300
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January 10, 2024, Lobbyist Employment and Expenditures Report

Erika Devore, Lobbyist for Kansas Recreation and Park Association	\$200
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Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist for EKOGA: Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association	\$200
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Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist for Fuel True Independent Gas and Convenience	\$200
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Kevin Gregg, Lobbyist for Lamar	\$200
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Allen Kenny, Lobbyist for ICS Networks, LLC	\$200
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Robert Manes, Lobbyist for The Nature Conservancy Kansas	\$200
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Stephanie Yeager, Lobbyist for International Association of Fire Fighters Local 135	\$250
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Civil Penalty Waiver Requests

Mr. Skoglund requested an administrative waiver for Linda Snyder. There was confusion about if she was the assigned treasurer of a political committee and the treasurer could not be identified. Mr. Solbach moved to waive the \$300 civil penalty. Mr. Krull seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Skoglund present a waiver request from Ciara Chaney, Candidate for City Council, who was assessed a \$500 civil penalty at the August 23, 2023, meeting for failing to file the July 24, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures report in a timely manner. Discussion ensued. There was no motion.

Mr. Skoglund presented a waiver request from Shelia Davis, Candidate for Mayor, who was assessed a \$1,000 civil penalty at the November 29, 2023, meeting for failing to file the October 30, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures report in a timely manner. Discussion ensued. Mr. Harrison posited if she could be allowed to submit the Waiver Request Form and Financial Hardship Declaration. Mr. Harrison moved to continue the waiver request to the February 28, 2024, meeting to allow Ms. Davis time to submit the forms. Mr. Schoenhofer seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Burger and Ms. Deterding voting no.

Mr. Skoglund presented a waiver request from Erika Devore, Lobbyist for Kansas Recreation and Park Association, who was assessed a \$200 civil penalty at this meeting for failing to file the January 10, 2024, Lobbyist Employment and Expenditures Report in a timely manner. Mr. Solbach made the

motion to waive \$100 of the civil penalty if the remaining \$100 was paid within thirty (30) days. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Skoglund presented the waiver requests for Bob Reese and Marsha Reese, which were submitted together. Mr. Reese and Ms. Reese were each assessed a civil penalty of \$300 at the March 22, 2023, meeting for failing to file the January 10, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report for Mr. Reese's State Representative campaign in a timely manner. No motion was made for either waiver request.

Mr. Skoglund presented a waiver request for Jenny Webster, Candidate for City Council, who was assessed a \$550 civil penalty at the November 29, 2023, meeting for failing to file the October 30, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner. Discussion ensued. Mr. Schoenhofer moved to waive \$275 of the civil penalty if the remaining \$275 was paid within thirty (30) days. Mr. Solbach seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued. The motion passed with Ms. Deterding, Ms. Dengler, and Mr. Burger voting no.

Prior to proceeding with the next item on the agenda, Mr. Skoglund noted that this would be the last meeting where the Civil Penalty Waiver Guidance Document would not be enforced and that, moving forward, the civil penalty waiver requests would be submitted through the requisite forms.

Public Hearing

A Motion for Continuance in Complaint No. 755, Mark Skoglund v. Scott Hamblin, was submitted by the complainant. Mr. Solbach moved to grant the Motion for Continuance. Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing for Complaint No. 755 will occur on February 28, 2024.

Executive Session

At 1:36 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 K.S.A. 25-4161 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 investigations, as contemplated by K.S.A. 75-4318(g)(1). The open meeting shall be resumed here at 2:00 p.m." Mr. Solbach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon return from executive session, Mr. Burger moved to dismiss Complaint Nos. 762, 763, 764, and 765. Ms. Deterding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Burger moved to find sufficiency in Complaint Nos. 761, 766, 767, and 768. Mr. Solbach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hellmer moved to continue Complaint No. 760 to the February 28, 2024, meeting, that Mr. Skoglund provide notice to interested parties in this matter, for the hearing to be a status matter only with no action taken or contemplated, and that Mr. Skoglund provide any further relevant information to the commission of further contact in regard to this complaint. Mr. Solbach seconded the motion. Ms. Bull-Stewart asked for clarification. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

Chairman Hale announced that the next meeting would be held on February 28, 2024.

Adjournment

At 2:07 p.m., Chairman Hale asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Deterding moved to adjourn. Mr. Hellmer second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Meeting Minutes
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S Kansas Ave
Topeka, Kansas 66612
Via Videoconference
March 7, 2024
12:00 p.m.

Members Present

Nick Hale, Chair
Jerome Hellmer, Vice Chair - via teleconference
Patty Dengler
Mark Schoenhofer
Chris Burger
Earl Glynn - in-person

Staff Present

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

The special meeting for the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chairman Hale.

Chairman Hale asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Burger made the motion. Mr. Schoenhofer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 12:11 p.m., Ms. Dengler stated “I move that the Commission recess this open meeting with Office Manager Payge Quintana-Padgett; Executive Director Mark Skoglund; General Counsel Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart; and Conflict Counsel Jay Rodriguez present, to discuss matters related to confidential investigations pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4165 and K.S.A. 25-4161 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 investigations, as contemplated by K.S.A. 75-4318(g)(1). The open meeting shall be resumed here at 12:20 p.m.” Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission returned to open session at 12:20 p.m.

At 12:20 p.m., Ms. Dengler stated “I move that the Commission recess this open meeting with Office Manager Payge Quintana-Padgett; Executive Director Mark Skoglund; General Counsel Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart; and Conflict Counsel Jay Rodriguez present, to discuss matters related to confidential investigations pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4165 and K.S.A. 25-4161 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 investigations, as contemplated by K.S.A. 75-4318(g)(1). The open meeting shall be resumed here at 12:30 p.m.” Mr. Schoenhofer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission returned to open session at 12:30 p.m. Ms. Dengler stated “I move that the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law attached to the Application as amended for Subpoenas 2024-01 and 2024-02 and issue Subpoenas as amended 2024-01 and 2024-02. Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously.

At 12:32 p.m., Chairman Hale asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hellmer moved to adjourn. Ms. Dengler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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March 27, 2024

Opinion No. 2024-01

The Honorable Mari-Lynn Poskin
12924 Howe Drive
Leawood, KS 66209

Synopsis: Campaign contributions processed by a third-party payment processor must be attributed to the person who made such contributions and any processing fees associated with such contribution must be reported as expenditures on any relevant campaign finance reports.

Cited herein: K.S.A. 25-4143; K.S.A. 25-4148; K.S.A. 25-4153a; K.S.A. 25-4154.

Dear Representative Poskin:

In response to your February 26, 2024, email request, this opinion is provided by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission ("Commission"), concerning application of the campaign finance act, K.S.A. 25-4101 *et seq.* The Commission's jurisdiction is limited to applicability of this law. This opinion, provided pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4159, does not address whether some other statutory system, common law theory, agency rule or regulation applies to your inquiry.

FACTUAL STATEMENT

We understand that several legislators have received unsolicited checks processed by Democracy Engine, LLC ("Democracy Engine") during the current Legislative Session. Democracy Engine is a donation processing platform where donors can use Democracy Engine's website to contribute to various candidates or committees all at once even if candidates are in different states. Essentially, Democracy Engine facilitates contributions to campaigns through its website in a manner that it refers to as "complex donation processing" so that individuals or entities only need to go to Democracy Engine's website rather than directly contributing to various candidates.

The contribution checks received do not identify the donor making the contribution and instead state, in the upper lefthand corner, "Democracy Engine LLC, Transfer Account"; however, the check is accompanied with instructions on how to access the donation data for the donor(s). Democracy Engine's website indicates that information, such as the donor's employer, address, and occupation, are available to candidates through a data file that can be provided upon request.

However, to access the data file, a candidate must first create a log in for Democracy Engine's website.

QUESTIONS

1. Generally, can candidates accept contributions processed by Democracy Engine LLC?
2. Can candidates accept contributions processed by Democracy Engine LLC during the legislative session?
3. How should contributions processed by Democracy Engine LLC be reported on campaign finance reports?

ANALYSIS AND OPINION

K.S.A. 25-4143(f)(1)(A) defines a "contribution" as "[a]ny . . . payment of money or any other thing of value given to a candidate, candidate committee, party committee or political committee for the express purpose of nominating, electing or defeating a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office[.]" Additionally, K.S.A. 25-4143(k) defines person as "any individual, committee, corporation, partnership, trust, organization or association."

Here, the funds processed by Democracy Engine are contributions as the checks are payments of money given directly to the candidate or to their campaign (e.g., a check payable to the order of John Doe for Kansas House). The issue is if candidates are generally allowed to accept contributions that have been processed by Democracy Engine.

K.S.A. 25-4154(b) provides that: "[n]o person shall give or accept any contribution in excess of \$10 unless the name and address of the contributor is made known to the individual receiving the contribution." The initial check processed by Democracy Engine cannot be accepted by the candidate in the form identified in the facts because the name and address of the contributor is not reflected on the check nor provided to the recipient campaign at the time of the check's delivery. The facts indicate the check is written from "Democracy Engine LLC"; however, Democracy Engine is clear that it is not the person making the contribution and instead the as-yet-unidentified donor who used Democracy Engine to process their payment is making the contribution. Consequently, if the candidate were to accept any check contributing over \$10 that was processed by Democracy Engine without first discovering the donor's name and address, then that candidate would be in violation of K.S.A. 25-4154(b).

For a candidate to legally accept a contribution check over \$10 processed by Democracy Engine, the candidate must first create a log in on Democracy Engine's website and must access the data file that identifies the donor. Once the candidate has discovered the donor's name and address, then the candidate may accept the contribution check facilitated by Democracy Engine. If the candidate knows the name and address of the contributor of the funds—the person making the contribution—then accepting the contribution is lawful under K.S.A. 25-4154(b). Alternatively, the candidate can return the contribution without needing to obtain the data.

Regarding the question of if contributions processed by Democracy Engine may be accepted during the legislative session, a review of K.S.A. 25-4153a is appropriate. K.S.A. 25-4153a prohibits a legislator or candidate for membership in the legislature from accepting or soliciting a contribution from anyone other than a non-lobbyist individual “after January 1 of each year and prior to adjournment sine die of the regular session of the legislature or at any other time in which the legislature is in session[.]”

According to the facts provided, a candidate for the legislature or legislator would not be able to determine the category of person, as defined in K.S.A. 25-4143(k), contributing to their campaign by reviewing the check processed by Democracy Engine. Therefore, the legislator or candidate for the legislature must first create a log in for Democracy Engine’s website to discern the identity of the contributor. If the person who used Democracy Engine to process their campaign contribution is a non-lobbyist individual, then the legislator or candidate for the legislature may accept the contribution during the regular legislative session. If the contributor is a prohibited entity, the contribution must be returned to the donor.

Finally, the issue has also arisen of how contributions processed by Democracy Engine should be reported on Receipts and Expenditures Reports. The candidate must report the source of the contribution, which is the person who used Democracy Engine to process their donation, not Democracy Engine itself. The candidate must report the full amount of the contribution, even if a portion of the donation went to processing fees associated with using Democracy Engine’s service. If the candidate cannot or does not wish to obtain the contributor information from Democracy Engine, they must return the contribution. Additionally, if the candidate is able to discern what processing fees were associated with the contribution, then those fees should be reported as expenditures for Democracy Engine, LLC processing fees on any relevant campaign finance reports.

Sincerely,

Nick Hale, Chairman

By Direction of the Commission

NH: KBS: pqp

Payge Quintana [KGEC]

From: Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart [KGEC]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 2:03 PM
To: Payge Quintana [KGEC]
Subject: FW: Follow up regarding advisory opinion request

Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart
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From: Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart [KGEC]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 11:37 AM
To: MP@poskin4ks.com
Cc: Mark Skoglund [KGEC] <Mark.Skoglund@ks.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up regarding advisory opinion request

I appreciate the clarification. Thank you for responding so promptly.

Thanks,

Kaitlyn

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From: Mari-Lynn Poskin <poskin4ks@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2024 1:58 PM
To: Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart [KGEC] <Kaitlyn.Bull-Stewart@ks.gov>
Cc: Mark Skoglund [KGEC] <Mark.Skoglund@ks.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow up regarding advisory opinion request

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Hi Kaitlyn,

As I understand it, the contributions are not **from** Democracy Engine, LLC. I believe that Democracy Engine, LLC is a donation processor, much like [Anedot](#), [RaisetheMoney](#), [ActBlue](#) or [WinRed](#).

So, all of the questions are correct, but would be more accurate by just replacing "from" with "processed by."

Thank you so much for your work on this!

Sincerely,

Mari-Lynn Poskin
Kansas House, District 20



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On Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 2:34 PM Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart [KGEC] <Kaitlyn.Bull-Stewart@ks.gov> wrote:

Representative Poskin,

I have started looking into Democracy Engine LLC and it has led to some follow up questions. From your email and phone call, I have drafted what I believe to be the questions at issue.

1. Generally, can candidates accept contributions from Democracy Engine LLC?
2. Can candidates accept contributions from Democracy Engine LLC during the legislative session?
3. How should contributions from Democracy Engine LLC be reported on campaign finance reports?

If these are not the questions you are asking, or if you have other questions you would like resolved by this opinion, then please let me know.

Thanks,

Kaitlyn

Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart

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Payge Quintana [KGEC]

From: Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart [KGEC]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 2:03 PM
To: Payge Quintana [KGEC]
Subject: FW: Democracy Engine, LLC Donation Processing Platform Request for Formal Determination
Attachments: Democracy Engine, LLC check example.jpeg

Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart
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From: Mark Skoglund [KGEC] <Mark.Skoglund@ks.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart [KGEC] <Kaitlyn.Bull-Stewart@ks.gov>
Subject: FW: Democracy Engine, LLC Donation Processing Platform Request for Formal Determination

Requested opinion below. If you could respond to the Representative and let her know that you have received the formal opinion request, intend to provide it at the March meeting, and will reach out with any additional questions you need for the opinion, I would appreciate it. Thanks!

Mark Skoglund
Executive Director
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From: Mari-Lynn Poskin <poskin4ks@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 2:53 PM
To: Mark Skoglund [KGEC] <Mark.Skoglund@ks.gov>; Karina Renna [KGEC] <Karina.Renna@ks.gov>
Cc: Dinah Sykes <dinah@dinahsykes.com>; Stephanie Clayton <stephaniesawyerclayton@gmail.com>
Subject: Democracy Engine, LLC Donation Processing Platform Request for Formal Determination

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Hi Mark and Karina,

It has come to my attention that my colleagues are receiving checks from Democracy Engine, LLC and initially believed that they needed to be returned as we are not allowed to accept campaign donations during the legislative session from any entities except individuals. Upon further investigation, it appears that Democracy Engine, LLC is a donation processing platform, similar to ACT Blue, so the checks would not seem to be donations from the LLC, but from donors. The check comes with instructions on how to access the donor information. I have included an example that was received by Allison Hougland, with her express permission to share it with you.

This is a link to their website:

<https://democracyengine.com/how-it-works/>

Thanks to Mark for taking my call about this today. I have advised my colleagues to get the donor information behind the checks, as instructed on the checks, and to hold off on depositing them until Government Ethics can make a formal decision. Several of them have already emailed Ethics to ask how to handle the checks.

Thanks so much,

Mari-Lynn Poskin
Kansas House, District 20



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GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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TO: Commission Members

FROM: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director

DATE: March 27, 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:

Name	Date Filed	Days Late	Amount
Amended October 30, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report			
CeCe Harlin, Candidate for Board of Public Utilities	N/A	30+	\$300
Rafael Rodriquez, Jr., Candidate for Cit Commissioner	3/5/2024	25	\$250
January 10, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report			
William Barajas, Treasurer for Candidate for State Representative	N/A	30+	\$300
Kristi Bond, Treasurer for Candidate for City Council	3/11/2024	30+	\$300
Brad Boyd, Candidate and Treasurer for State Representative	N/A	30+	\$300
Charles Brettell, Candidate for City Council	3/11/2024	30+	\$300
Rosalyn Brown, Treasurer for Candidate for UG Commissioner	2/27/2024	18	\$180
Jose Cabrera, Candidate for State Representative	N/A	30+	\$300

Scott Hamblin, Candidate for City Council	N/A	30+	\$300
CeCe Harlin, Candidate for Board of Public Utilities	N/A	30+	\$300
Harold Johnson, Candidate for Unified Government Commissioner	2/27/2024	18	\$180
Tatum Lee, Candidate and Treasurer for State Representative	2/13/2024	5	\$50
Carl Maughan, Candidate and Treasurer for State Representative	3/23/2024	30+	\$300
Rafael Rodriguez, Jr., Candidate for City Commissioner	3/5/2024	25	\$250
Daniel Stillwell, Treasurer for Candidate for State Representative	N/A	30+	\$300
Sam Stillwell, Candidate for State Representative	N/A	30+	\$300
Melvin Williams, Jr., Candidate for Unified Government Commissioner	N/A	30+	\$300
Stephanie Yeager, Candidate and Treasurer for State Representative	N/A	30+	\$300



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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TO: Commission Members

FROM: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director

DATE: March 27, 2024

RE: Political Action Committee and Party Committee 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>
January 10, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report			
Thomas Alonzo, Treasurer for Equality Kansas PAC	N/A	30+	\$300
Rebecca Baumgartner, Treasurer for PAC of the Greater KC Chamber of Commerce	2/27/2024	19	\$190
John Carson, Treasurer for Kansas City Realtors PAC	2/12/2024	4	\$40
David Chiles, Treasurer for Kansas Peoples Action PAC	2/16/2024	8	\$80
Rhonda Cox, Treasurer for Kansas Democratic LGBT Caucus	2/21/2024	13	\$130
Mary Ann Dvorachek, Treasurer for Allen County Democratic Central Committee	N/A	30+	\$300
Mike Gibson, Treasurer for Associated General Contractors of Kansas PAC	N/A	30+	\$300
James Harden, Treasurer for Clark County Republican Central Committee	N/A	30+	\$300

Max Knopp, Treasurer for Integrity in Kansas House	N/A	30+	\$300
Dustin Morris, Treasurer for Young Republican National Federation	2/11/2024	3	\$30
Richard Ramos, Treasurer for Firefighters Club 83	N/A	30+	\$300
Paula Roegge, Treasurer for Kansas 1 st Congressional District Democrats	N/A	30+	\$300
Clinton Swan, Treasurer for Kansas City, Kansas FOP Lodge #4 PAC	2/15/2024	7	\$70



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2TO: Commission Members

FROM: Mark Skoglund, Executive Director

DATE: March 27, 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			
Patrick Baker, Lobbyist for Western Governors University	1/25/2024	11	\$600
Carl McDonald, Lobbyist for Colo Energy Productions, LLC	N/A	19+	\$1,000
Reshon Moore, Lobbyist for Little Government Relations	N/A	19+	\$1,000
February 10, 2024, Employment & Expenditures Report			
Christopher Chastain, Lobbyist for NAMI Kansas	2/26/2024	10	\$550
Geovannie Gone, Lobbyist for Immunize Kansas Coalition	2/20/2024	4	\$250
Brett Harris, Lobbyist for Kansas Cannabis Chamber of Commerce	2/27/2024	11	\$600
Allen Kenny, Lobbyist for ICS Networks LLC	2/17/2024	1	\$100
Taryn Jones, Lobbyist for Equality Kansas	2/27/2024	10	\$600

Rebekah Meigs, Lobbyist for Kansas Interfaith Action	2/27/2024	11	\$600
David Schneider, Lobbyist for Rising States of America Association	2/27/2024	11	\$600
C E Scroggins, Lobbyist for BiasbustersofAhhKansas	2/23/2024	7	\$400
Jason Wagner, Lobbyist for RJF Consulting	2/27/2024	11	\$600

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Name Patrick Baker	Position Government Relations Director
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s) Western Governors University	

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- ☐ Registration (Political Action Committee or Lobbyist)
- ☐ Statement of Substantial Interests (Public Officials)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Report Due	1/10/2024
Failure to File Notice Sent	1/11/2024
Report Received	1/25/2024
Date Assessed	2/29/2024
Amount Assessed	\$600.00

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

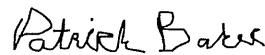
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Unique Circumstances not previously mentioned that did not arise from the filer's delay or negligence.	Any documentation that will substantiate the reason as to why the filing was delayed.

Additional Explanation

Our organization with rare exception has no lobbyist expenditure activity to report. This was the case with the report in question. Our organization is registered to be on the safe side and promote transparency. For the report in question, our internal email system began to flag the notice/reminder emails from the Commission as spam, which contributed to our late filing. The moment I received a physical letter from the commission and recognized the error, I immediately filed the report. We have also modified our spam filters to ensure all future emails come through and our organization has also retained a firm to support timely submission of lobbyist reports in all states to ensure an incident like this does not repeat itself.

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Executed in Blue Earth County County, State of Minnesota, on the 5 day of March, 2024.



Signature

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901 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

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Zero expenditures and issues with emails are not categories for good cause.

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Name Christopher Chastain	Position Lobbyist
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s) NAMI Kansas	

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Report Due	2/10/2024
Failure to File Notice Sent	2/13/2024
Report Received	2/26/2024
Date Assessed	2/29/2024
Amount Assessed	\$550.00

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

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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.
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Additional Explanation

During the latter days of January and early February 2024, I became Sick, used a home test for Covid and tested positive. I remained sick for the next several days. Also, A civil penalty of \$500 would create substantial financial hardship. I only work part-time hours, less than 20 hrs per week, at an hourly rate of \$16. I recently complete course work to secure my high school diploma, and i am currently taking assessment tests to enroll at Great Bend Community College

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Executed in Ford County, State of Kansas, on the 4 day of March, 2024.


Signature

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Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

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Submitted to the office via email on March 8, 2024.

I recommend rejecting the medical claim. Chastain does not provide medical supplemental information and if he were sick at the end of January, he had at least 14 days before the failure to file notices were sent on February 13, 2024, plus another two days of a grace period to file the reports.

As is typical, I will make no recommendations on financial hardship claims. I will not that payment plans are always options.

KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION WAIVER REQUEST FORM

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Name Shelia Davis	Position running for Mayor
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s) Shelia Davis Candidate for Mayor	

Please select the appropriate form or report.

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- ☐ Registration (Political Action Committee or Lobbyist)
- ☐ Statement of Substantial Interests (Public Officials)

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Report Due	10/30/2023
Failure to File Notice Sent	11/1/2023
Report Received	12/26/2023
Date Assessed	11/29/2023
Amount Assessed	\$1,000.00

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

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Additional Explanation

I did not raise any funds while I was running for mayor. I was not working then on any fixed income SSI. When we called I was told I didn't have to fill out this form and I kept calling. And I was told that only Sheher had to fill out this form. Then I broke my ankle and was in the hospital for two weeks. I had an personal assistant and was in a wheel until Dec. I will run again in four years so can this be waived for medical reasons? Thanks

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Executed in Sedgwick County, State of Kansas, on the 4 day of March, 2024

Sheher M Davis

Signature

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At the January 24, 2024, meeting, a vote occurred that would allow Ms. Davis the opportunity to re-request a waiver with the new forms.

I make no recommendations on financial hardship claims, as they are inherently a multifaceted evaluation of many facts provided by the person.

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Name Kevin Gregg	Position N/A
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s) Fuel True, EKOGA, Lamar	

Please select the appropriate form or report.

- ☐ Appointment of Treasurer (Candidate or Candidate Committee)
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Report Due	1/10/2024
Failure to File Notice Sent	1/11/2024
Report Received	1/17/2024
Date Assessed	1/24/2024
Amount Assessed	\$200 per client - \$600 total

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

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Additional Explanation

Please see attached for additional explanation.

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Executed in Shawnee County, State of Kansas, on the 7th day of February, 2024.

Kevin Gregg

Signature

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Topeka, KS 66612

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The Executive Director does not recommend this waiver.

First, no longer being employed with the organization is specifically identified on this form as a reason that does not provide an adequate basis for a waiver.

Second, our lobbyist coordinator, Jessica White, sent an email on the due date (January 10) to Mr. Gregg's personal email in addition to his business email. Mr. Gregg replied on that date indicating that he needed his username and password. Ms. White provided the information he needed to obtain that access from the Secretary of State. Nonetheless, Mr. Gregg still did not file for another week, apparently forwarding the information to his previous employer instead. The relevant email chain is attached for reference.

February 6, 2024

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S Kansas
Topeka, KS 66612

Honorable Commissioners,

I am writing to request your consideration in waiving the fines which have been assessed to me personally for the January lobbyist reports of Fuel True, Lamar and EKOGA.

My last day of employment with Fuel True was September 30, 2023. I was a registered lobbyist up to that point for all three organizations, but report filing had typically been handled by our accountant. In addition to all of the mailings being sent to their office, emails were routed there as well. The accountant at Fuel True has filed all of the reports in the past and I did not anticipate this would change. Since I did not work there anymore, I did not have access to any of the information necessary to file and did not receive any of the notifications.

In a conversation with Jessica at KGEC after I received my notice January 29, 2024, she had also spoken with the Fuel True office. Fuel True said the Failure to File notice was not delivered to them until January 29.

There was no intent to mislead or deceive the Ethics Commission or the public and I am certain there was little to no financial activity from any of the three entities during the filing period after I was let go.

Due to my dismissal on September 30, the delay in mail and email correspondence, the filings historically being handled on time by Fuel True and the lack of any intentional misinformation, I would ask for your consideration of a full waiver of fines for these three entities.

If you have questions or concerns for me personally, feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kevin Gregg
785-608-0097
kevinpgregg@yahoo.com

From: [Jessica White \[KGEC\]](#)
To: [Mark Skoglund \[KGEC\]](#)
Subject: FW: January 10, 2024 Lobbyist Reports
Date: Friday, February 23, 2024 2:39:32 PM

Here is the communications I had with Kevin Gregg and Tina from Fuel True.

Thanks!

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

From: Jessica White [KGEC]
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:14 PM
To: kevinpgregg@yahoo.com
Cc: Wages, Tina <Tina@tankmgmt.com>
Subject: RE: January 10, 2024 Lobbyist Reports

Thank you, Kevin.

Tina, if you need my assistance, please give me a call or email me.

Thanks!

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

From: kevinpgregg@yahoo.com <kevinpgregg@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:06 PM
To: Jessica White [KGEC] <Jessica.White@ks.gov>
Subject: Re: January 10, 2024 Lobbyist Reports

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Hi Jessica,

I forwarded all my login information to Tina Wages at Fuel True, my former employer. She had all the information to file the report. I apologize, I am not intentionally failing to file.

Fuel True is at 785-233-9655 and Tina's is email is Tina@tankmgmt.com

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gregg

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 1:24 PM, Jessica White [KGEC] <Jessica.White@ks.gov> wrote:

Hi Kevin, I do not have your final lobbying reports. The grace period ended on 1/13. Your reports are now three days late. There is a civil penalty assessment of \$100 the first day and \$50 each additional day until you reach \$1000. This would be per client.

Please file ASAP!

Jessica White

Lobbyist Coordinator

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

Phone: 785-291-3569

From: Jessica White [KGEC]

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 8:47 AM

To: kevinpgregg@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: January 10, 2024 Lobbyist Reports

Hi Kevin, the secretary of state's office can help you with your login information at 785-296-4561.

Please file your final lobbyist reports for the year before noon today, I will be putting failure to file notices in the mail.

The January 10, 2024 Lobbyist report covers September through December of 2023.

When you login to the system be sure to select the session year of 2023 because the system will default to 2024.

Please give me a call if you need any assistance once you get into the lobbyist portal.

Thanks!

Jessica White

Lobbyist Coordinator

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

Phone: 785-291-3569

From: kevinpgregg@yahoo.com <kevinpgregg@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 8:02 PM

To: Jessica White [KGEC] <Jessica.White@ks.gov>; Gregg, Kevin <Kevin@fueltrue.org>; kevinpgregg@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: January 10, 2024 Lobbyist Reports

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Hi Jessica,

My employment with fuel true ended Sept 30. I don't recall my username or password but if you can help me reset it, I would be happy to get it filed.

Thanks!!

Kevin

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 4:49 PM, Jessica White [KGEC]
<Jessica.White@ks.gov> wrote:

Hi Kevin, I do not have your January 10, 2024 lobbyist reports which cover September through December of 2023. Please be sure to file them today.

Thanks!

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

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Name Robert Ross Manes, Jr.	Position Former Director
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s) The Nature Conservancy, Kansas	

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Report Due	1/10/2024
Failure to File Notice Sent	1/11/2024
Report Received	1/17/2024
Date Assessed	1/24/2024
Amount Assessed	\$200.00

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

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Additional Explanation

My registration and reporting had been addressed by my assistant from the beginning of my lobbyist re



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Signature

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Zero expenditures and other employees leaving are not categories for good cause.

My registration and reporting had been addressed by my assistant from the beginning of my lobbyist registration. I had no activity to report during the year in question. My assistant left my company's employment unexpectedly, and I did not know that the report hadn't been filed, until I received the late notice.

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Name David Schneider	Position Lobbyist
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s) Rising States of America Association	

Please select the appropriate form or report.

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Report Due	2/10/2024
Failure to File Notice Sent	2/13/2024
Report Received	2/27/2024
Date Assessed	3/5/2024
Amount Assessed	\$600.00

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

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I was called on 2/27/2024, and I immediately filed the required document within an hour of receiving the

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Executed in Cass County, State of Kansas, on the 9 day of March, 2024.

[Signature]
Signature

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Topeka, KS 66612

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Submitted to the office via email on March 11, 2024.

I make no recommendations on financial hardship claims, as they are inherently a multifaceted evaluation of many facts provided by the person.

From: [David Schneider](#)
To: [KGEC_Ethics](#)
Subject: RE: Waiver Request
Date: Friday, March 15, 2024 9:15:52 AM

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Payge,

I'm sorry about that. It looks like I typed it in, but for some reason the text didn't wrap to the next line. Here is what it said:

"I was called on 2/27/2024, and I immediately filed the required document within an hour of receiving the notice. At the time, this was my only client, and I was receiving no pay for representing them. I believed I had filed the exempt notice when I originally registered. Being between jobs, I had been on unemployment benefits and focusing most of my time on securing employment. This was an obvious oversight on my part, but one that will leave me with a financial hardship that already exists"

In liberty,

David Schneider
Rising Strategy

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

On Thursday, March 14th, 2024 at 9:16 AM, KGEC_Ethics <KGEC_Ethics@ks.gov> wrote:

David,

As previously stated, we did receive the waiver. However, the text on Page 2 of the waiver request form was cut off and I am unable to grab the text since it got flattened in the scanning process. If you could email me the text from the "Additional Explanation" portion of the form, that would be greatly appreciated. I will include it as a supplement to your form for the Commission to consider at the March 27, 2024, meeting.

Thank you for your understanding.

Payge Quintana-Padgett

Office Manager

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

(785) 296-4219

From: David Schneider <dave@risingstrategy.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2024 07:40
To: KGEC_Ethics <KGEC_Ethics@ks.gov>
Subject: Waiver Request

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Please see attached Waiver Request, complete with Hardship Declaration. Please advise if any other documents are needed for this request.

Thank you.

David Schneider

KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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. **NOTE:** The following reasons ARE NOT sufficient:

- 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 <i>Charles E. Scroggins</i>	Position <i>Lobbyist</i>
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s) <i>Biasbusters of Kansas</i>	

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)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Report Due	2/10/2024
Failure to File Notice Sent	2/13/2024
Report Received	2/23/2024
Date Assessed	2/29/2024
Amount Assessed	\$400.00

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

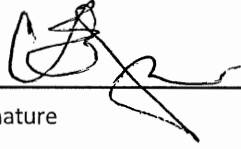
Categories of Good Cause	Supplemental Documentation Examples
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Circumstances of a person essential to filing or their immediate family member that caused the delay in filing.	Doctor's statement with date(s), hospital bills, police incident report, death certificate/obituary, etc.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Hardship - the assessed civil penalty creates an undue financial burden.	The financial hardship declaration <u>must</u> be completed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Disaster or Theft 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.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Unique Circumstances 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 was not receiving my mail —
There's nothing to report!

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 Shawnee County, State of Kansas, on the 6th day of March, 2024.


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
901 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

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Zero expenditures and mail issues are not categories for good cause.

For the financial hardship claim, I make no recommendation as it is inherently a multifaceted evaluation of many facts provided by the person.

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WAIVER REQUEST FORM**

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- 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 Jason Wagner	Position Project Manager
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s) RJF Consulting	

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	2/10/2024
Failure to File Notice Sent	2/13/2024
Report Received	2/27/2024
Date Assessed	3/5/2024
Amount Assessed	\$600.00

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

Categories of Good Cause	Supplemental Documentation Examples
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Additional Explanation

This is the first time I have been a registered lobbyist and was under the impression that I was within the parameters of the filing deadlines set forth by the Governmental Ethics Commission and the Statutes governing the body. In my defense I felt I only needed to issue a report if I had spent monies in my lobbying efforts and I had not done so in this case.

I now understand the compliance standards and will diligently ensure no further misunderstandings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jason Wagner

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 Shawnee County, State of Kansas, on the 18th day of March, 2024.

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
901 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

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Received via email on March 18, 2024.

First time filer and zero expenditures are not categories of good cause.

Moreover, the lobbyist coordinator sends many reminders that are very clear regarding deadlines and what must be filed. An email reminder was sent at the time of registration, in advance of the filing deadline and when the report was outstanding before the civil penalty began to accrue.



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

<https://ethics.kansas.gov>

February 28, 2024

VIA CERTIFIED AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL AND E-MAIL

Scott Hamblin
17735 Garnett St.
Overland Park, KS 66221
scotthamblin09@gmail.com

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 the complaint. A hearing was initially scheduled for January 24, 2024, regarding your liability under Complaint No. 755; after the Commission granted a continuance, that hearing was scheduled for February 28, 2024. Due to additional unforeseen scheduling conflicts, the February 28, 2024, hearing must also be rescheduled. The new hearing date is now March 27, 2024.

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

Along with the original hearing notice, several documents, constituting the Commission's administrative record in this matter, were sent via first-class and certified mail, to the most recent address you have on file with the Commission: 17735 Garnett St., Overland Park, KS 66221.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Payge Quintana-Padgett", written over a horizontal line.

Payge Quintana-Padgett
Officer Manager
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

(Commission Use Only)

MARK SKOGLUND, Executive Director,
Kansas Government Ethics Commission,
Complainant

vs.

SCOTT HAMBLIN, Candidate for City
Council,
Respondent

Complaint No. 755

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Now, on this 27th day of February, 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 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 attached Complaint, No. 755. 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.

This public hearing was initially scheduled for January 24, 2024. Prior to the hearing, the Commission's Executive Director, Mark Skoglund (Complainant), moved for a continuance of the hearing until February 28, 2024, in order to ensure sufficient notice to Respondent. At their public meeting on January 24, 2024, the Commission granted the motion and agreed to continue the hearing until their next scheduled meeting, on February 28, 2024. On February 27, 2024, the Commission's February 28 meeting was cancelled, and the hearing postponed. The hearing is now rescheduled to March 27, 2024.

This public hearing is scheduled for March 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's conference room, 901 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Commissioner Patricia Dengler has been designated as the Presiding Officer in this matter. This hearing will be conducted in person unless Respondent requests to attend remotely, by videoconference or telephone.

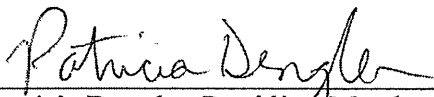
Respondent must notify the Commission, in writing, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024, if he would like to attend the hearing remotely.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4163(a), the hearing will be held before the Commission as a whole. Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4161(h)(1), the hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*); the hearing procedure is guided by the Commission's regulations for proceedings before the Commission (K.A.R. 19-7-1 *et seq.*).

At the hearing, the Commission will consider whether Respondent is liable for failing to file a July 24, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 through July 20, 2023, as described in the attached complaint, and if so, what is the appropriate penalty.

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 that party.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Patricia Dengler, Presiding Member
Kansas Government Ethics Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 28th day of February 2024, the foregoing Notice of Public Hearing and Administrative Record 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
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612
Tel. 785-296-4219
KGEC_Ethics@ks.gov



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

<https://ethics.kansas.gov>

January 26, 2024

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 the complaint. A hearing was initially scheduled for January 24, 2024, regarding your liability under Complaint No. 755; after the Commission granted a continuance, that hearing has been rescheduled for February 28, 2024.

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

Several documents, constituting the Commission's administrative record in this matter, were sent via first-class and certified mail, to the most recent address you have on file with the Commission: 17735 Garnett. St., Overland Park, KS 66221. Those documents are enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Payge Quintana Padgett".

Payge Quintana Padgett
Officer Manager

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

(Commission Use Only)

MARK SKOGLUND, Executive Director,
Kansas Government Ethics Commission,
Complainant

vs.

SCOTT HAMBLIN, Candidate for City
Council,
Respondent

Complaint No. 755

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Now, on this 26th day of January, 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 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 attached Complaint, No. 755. 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.

This public hearing was initially scheduled for January 24, 2024. Prior to the hearing, the Commission's Executive Director, Mark Skoglund (Complainant), moved for a continuance of the hearing until February 28, 2024, in order to ensure sufficient notice to Respondent. At their public meeting on January 24, 2024, the Commission granted the motion and agreed to continue the hearing until their next scheduled meeting, on February 28, 2024.

This public hearing is scheduled for February 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's conference room, 901 South Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Commissioner Patricia Dengler has been designated as the Presiding Officer in this matter. This hearing will be conducted in person unless Respondent requests to attend remotely, by videoconference or telephone.


Respondent must notify the Commission, in writing, by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2024, if he would like to attend the hearing remotely.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4163(a), the hearing will be held before the Commission as a whole. Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4161(h)(1), the hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*); the hearing procedure is guided by the Commission's regulations for proceedings before the Commission (K.A.R. 19-7-1 *et seq.*).

At the hearing, the Commission will consider whether Respondent is liable for failing to file a July 24, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 through July 20, 2023, and if so, what is the appropriate penalty.

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 that party.


IT IS SO ORDERED.


Patricia Dengler, Presiding Member
Kansas Government Ethics Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 26th day of January 2024, the foregoing Notice of Public Hearing and Administrative Record 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
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612
Tel. 785-296-4219
KGEC_Ethics@ks.gov

Administration of
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Conflict of Interest
Lobbying Laws

STATE OF KANSAS



901 S. Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66611
(785) 296-4219 (phone)
(785) 296-2548 (fax)

GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

<https://ethics.kansas.gov>

January 24, 2024

VIA CERTIFIED AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Scott Hamblin
17735 Garnett St.
Overland Park, Kansas 66221

Re: Ensuring Service of Administrative Record for Complaint No. 755

Dear Mr. Hamblin:

On October 27, 2023, I sent you a letter via certified and first-class mail that included the Commission's administrative record for Complaint No. 755. Some pages may have been excluded from this packet; therefore, out of an abundance of caution, I have reattached the entire administrative record to this letter.

Additionally, to ensure you have all the materials needed for your public hearing, the Executive Director has requested the Commission continue your public hearing until February 28, 2024. If the Commission grants the Executive Director's request, then you will receive a new Notice of Public Hearing from the Commission.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart".

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.)
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vs.)
)
SCOTT HAMBLIN, Candidate for)
City Council,)
Respondent.)
)
Complaint No. <u>755</u>	

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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Complaint No. 755

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.

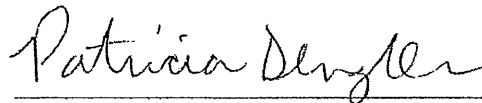
In compliance with K.S.A. 25-4163(a), the hearing will be held before the Commission as a whole. Additionally, pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4163(a) and K.S.A. 25-4161(h)(1) the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (K.S.A. 77-501 *et. seq.*)

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.)

vs.)

Complaint No. 755

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

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

COMES NOW, Mark Skoglund, Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (the “Executive Director”), and hereby offers the foregoing memorandum in support of a finding of probable cause for the allegations of the above complaint.

I. NATURE OF THE MATTER BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

This is a matter of a candidate who must file campaign finance reports and has not yet done so. Scott Hamblin is a candidate who served as his own treasurer for Overland Park City Council in the 2023 election. Despite receiving notice from Commission staff to do so, Mr. Hamblin has failed to file a July 24, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Report (“July 2023 Report”). For the reasons set forth below, and pursuant to K.A.R. 19-5-7 and K.S.A. 25-4161(e), the Commission should find that there is probable cause for believing the allegations set forth in Complaint No. 755.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS.

1. Mr. Hamblin became a candidate for the 2023 election by virtue of filing a Candidate’s Declaration of Intention Filing Form of on May 26, 2023. A true and correct copy of the Hamblin

Campaign's Candidate's Declaration of Intention Filing Form is attached to this memorandum as **Exhibit 1**.

2. Under K.S.A. 25-4148(a)(1), Mr. Hamblin was required to file a July 2023 Report; however, he has not filed such report. Affidavit of Jennifer Schneider, ¶ 3. The Affidavit of Jennifer Schneider is attached to this memorandum as **Exhibit 2**.

3. Jennifer Schneider, the Commission's Local Campaign Finance Coordinator, made numerous attempts to notify Mr. Hamblin of his obligation to file the July 2023 Report, specifically: (1) on July 26, 2023, she reminded Mr. Hamblin, via email, to file a July 2023 report, and she attached a blank report form to that email; (2) on July 26, 2023, she 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, she 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. Ex. 2, Schneider Aff., ¶ 4.

4. Mr. Hamblin has been assessed a \$1,000.00 civil penalty for failing to file the requisite report. A true and correct copy of the civil penalty assessment order is attached to this memorandum as **Exhibit 3**.

III. APPLICABLE BURDEN OF PROOF.

Probable cause exists if there is "evidence sufficient to cause a person of ordinary prudence and caution to conscientiously entertain a reasonable belief of the accused's guilt." *State v. Berg*, 270 Kan. 237, 238, 13 P.3d 914, 915 (2000). In the context of the Commission, probable cause is "the reasonable belief that a specific [violation] has been or is being committed and that the [respondent] committed the [violation]." *State v. Abbott*, Kan. 161, 164, 83 P.3d 794, 797 (2004). Moreover, when determining whether probable cause exists, the Kansas Supreme Court considers all the circumstances, including all information available and fair inferences from such

information. *State v. Abbott*, 277 Kan. At 164, 83 P.3d at 797. Applied to the complaint at issue, if the Commission reasonably believes that Mr. Hamblin has violated K.S.A. 25-4148(a), then it should find probable cause that a Campaign Finance Act violation occurred.

IV. LEGAL ARGUMENT.

Treasurers are required by law to file Receipts and Expenditures Reports at various times in an election cycle, including by “the eighth day preceding the primary election, which report shall be for the period beginning on January 1 of the election year for the office the candidate is seeking and ending 12 days before the primary election, inclusive[.]” K.S.A. 25-4148(a)(1).

Commission staff complied with K.S.A. 25-4152 and followed up with Mr. Hamblin to secure compliance. Ex. 2, *Schneider Aff.*, ¶ 4. When considering the circumstances, the Commission should find that there is probable cause regarding the allegations of the complaint because Mr. Hamblin, as his own treasurer for the 2023 election, was required to file the July 2023 Report and failed to do so.

V. CONCLUSION.

Should Mr. Hamblin file the July 2023 Report prior to a hearing date, the Executive Director will support dismissal of the complaint. The goal in this matter, as is common with Failure to File instances, is to secure filing. However, the report remains unfiled; therefore, a finding of probable cause is appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mark Skoglund

Mark Skoglund, Executive Director
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

MAY 26 2023

RECEIVED

MAY 26 2023

EXHIBIT

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Candidate's Declaration of
Intention Filing Form

KS Governmental Ethics Commission

BALLOT INFORMATION

Name, as it will appear on the ballot:

SCOTT HAMBLEN

City/Township of residence -- (as required by state law): OVERLAND PARK

Election: Fall 2023 (Year) Office sought: CITY COUNCIL WARD 6

District No. or Ward 6 or At-Large or Position No.

Term: Regular ☒ or UnexpiredAffiliation (if applicable): Democratic Republican Independent ☒

OFFICE & WEBSITE INFORMATION (All Information - Public Record)

Residential address 17735 GARNETT STREET

City OVERLAND PARK County JOHNSON Zip Code 66227

Mailing address (if different)

Telephone numbers: 913-278-3356 Mobile 252-OPWARD6 Date of Birth 12/2/77

Email Address (optional)

Website Address (optional)

CANDIDATE STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I declare that I intend to become a candidate for the above-stated office at the appropriate election. I also grant the Johnson County Election Office permission to publish the above information on their website; www.jocoelection.org.

DATE: 5/26/23

Signature of Candidate

ATTESTATION

County Election Officer

Deputy County Election Officer

OFFICE USE

Payment: Check Credit Card Date: 5-26-23 Registrant ID #: 5531347 Precinct #: N613-2 Incumbent: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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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.

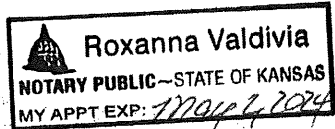


Jennifer Schneider
Local Campaign Finance Coordinator
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

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


Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: May 2, 2024



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& Lobbying Laws

STATE OF KANSAS



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EXHIBIT

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August 24, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Hamblin:

The Governmental Ethics Commission met on August 23, 2023, to determine what its action should be regarding your failure to file your July 24, 2023, Receipts and Expenditures Reports in a timely manner.

Following a review of your file by the Commission, they discussed the possible assessment of the civil penalty provided for by K.S.A. 25-4152. The statute provides for the automatic assessment of a civil penalty of \$100 for the first day and \$50 per day thereafter, up to a maximum of \$1,000, for the late filing of a required form. The Commission may waive part of, or all the civil penalty. **The Commission is assessing you a civil penalty of \$1,000.** The official order assessing the civil penalty is enclosed. Please send the payment to the Commission's office and we will forward it to the State Treasurer.

The Commission's rules and regulations state that any person who is assessed a civil penalty may request a waiver of the penalty. The Commission would have to receive such a request *within thirty days* after you have received the enclosed assessment order pursuant to K.A.R. 19-4a-1. If you do plan to request a waiver of the civil penalty, you must provide the Commission with a letter requesting the waiver and explaining the reasons why you believe the Commission should waive the civil penalty. Your letter should indicate if you want to be present to address the Commission in person. The Commission will consider your letter request for waiver during the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting. If your waiver request indicates you want to address the Commission in person, you will be advised in advance of the time and place of the Commission meeting.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Mark Skeglund
Executive Director

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Enclosure



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CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT ORDER

On the 23rd day of August 2023, the Commission found that Scott Hamblin, Candidate for City Council, failed to file the July 24, 2023, Receipts & Expenditures Report as required by K.S.A. 25-4148 in a time period specified in the notification of failure to file sent by certified mail.

Scott Hamblin is hereby directed to pay the State of Kansas a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). The basis for computation, which is \$100 for the first day and \$50 per day the report remains unfiled thereafter up to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as set forth in K.S.A. 25-4152.

The Executive Director shall serve this order in the same manner as the notification of failure to file. As provided by the Kansas Act for Judicial Review, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq., judicial review of this order may be had by filing a petition with the appropriate district court. Such petition for judicial review shall be served upon Mark Skoglund, Executive Director for the Commission at the above address.

IT IS SO ORDERED

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August 23, 2023

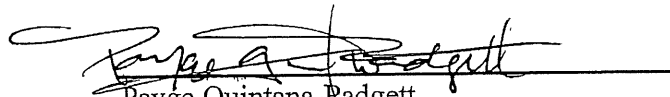
Date

Mark Skoglund for Nick Hale, Chairman
by Direction of the Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 24th day of August 2023 the foregoing Civil Penalty 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
Candidate for City Council
17735 Garnett St
Overland Park, KS 66221

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Payge Quintana-Radgett
Office Manager
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66612
Tel. 785-296-4219
Email: KGEC_Ethics@ks.gov



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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,

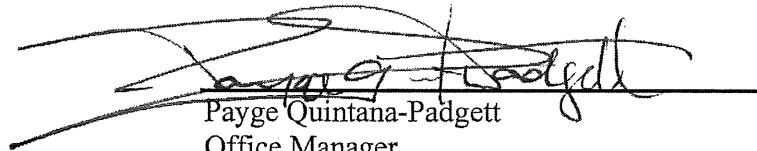
Mark Skoglund
Executive Director

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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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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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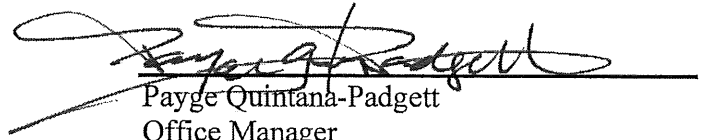
Mark Skoglund
Executive Director

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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:

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Overland Park, KS 66221

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BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

(Commission Use Only)	
MARK SKOGLUND, Executive Director,)
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission,)
Complainant.)
)
vs.)
)
SCOTT HAMBLIN, Candidate for)
City Council,)
Respondent.)
)
Complaint No. <u>755</u>	

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.

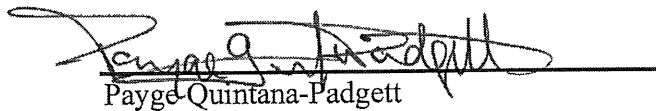

Signature of complainant


Notary Public

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:

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Overland Park, KS 66221

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Payge Quintana-Padgett

Office Manager

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

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3. The notice further stated that failure to file the July 2023 Report may be punishable as a Class A Misdemeanor under K.S.A. 25-4167 and, pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4181, may be punishable by the assessment of a civil fine in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the first violation, not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the second violation, and not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the third violation and for each subsequent violation.
4. Finally, the notice informed Scott Hamblin that he had until July 28, 2023, to file the July 2023 Report to comply with the reporting requirements to avoid a civil penalty being assessed against him.
5. Notwithstanding the notice of the filing requirement under K.S.A. 25-4148, Scott Hamblin failed to file the July 2023 Report.

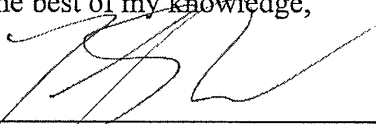


Signature of complainant

D. Verification:

State of Kansas)
) ss
County of Shawnee)

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



Signature of complainant

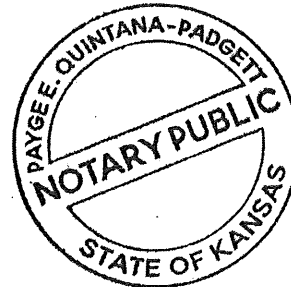
Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this 25th day of September 2023.



Notary Public

My appointment expires: August 30, 2027

(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:

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