Agenda

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission 901 S Kansas Ave Topeka, KS 66612 February 26, 2025 1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Call meeting to order

Review and approve today's meeting agenda and minutes from the January 22, 2025, and February 5, 2025, meetings

Ratification of Interim Executive Director Appointment

<u>Interim Executive Director's Report</u>

- New staff introduction
- New commissioner introduction
- Legislative updates

General Topics

- Internal Policy 2025-01
- Procedural Regulation Subcommittee update

Civil Penalty Assessments

Lobbyists

Jared Holroyd, Lobbyist	Gamal Weheba, Lobbyist
Kansas Pharmacists Association	Kansas Conference of the AAUP

Civil Penalty Waiver Requests

 AlmaAnn Jones, Candidate County Commissioner

Civil Fine Hearings

- Complaint No. 791 Richard Ramos, Treasurer Firefighters Club 83 – Continuance requested
- Complaint No. 794 Carolyn Marie Fugit, Treasurer
 Kansas 4th Congressional District Democratic Party Committee Continuance requested

Executive Session 1 (Exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1))

Executive Session 2 (Exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2))

Next Meeting Date: March 26, 2025

3:00 p.m. Adjournment

Minutes

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

901 S. Kansas Ave. Topeka, KS 66612 January 22, 2025 1:00 p.m.

Members Present Staff Present

Nick Hale, Chair – via videoconference Mark Skoglund, Executive Director

Jerry Hellmer – Vice Chair Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, General Counsel

John Solbach Payge Quintana-Padgett, Office Manager

Tess Ramirez Jesse Burris, Conflict Counsel

Chris Burger Earl Glynn Beau Jackson

Samuel Klaassen – via videoconference

The monthly meeting for 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 20, 2024, meeting minutes, Chairman Hale asked for a motion to approve the agenda and minutes as written, unless anyone could identify any corrections. Mr. Glynn noted that he attended the November 20, 2024, meeting but was not included at the top of the minutes. Mr. Hellmer moved to approve the minutes as amended and the agenda. Mr. Glynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Skoglund announced that he was resigning as the Executive Director and provided the procedure of finding a new director. Chairman Hale accepted Mr. Skoglund's letter of resignation on behalf of the Commission. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Skoglund then provided the update for the January 10, 2025, Lobbyist Employment and Expenditures Report. 1,209 Reports were required to be filed and 11 Failures to File were sent for outstanding reports.

Civil Penalty Assessments

Amended July 29, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report

Harry Christian, Treasurer \$120

Candidate for State Senate

Christina Haswood \$300

Candidate for State Senate

Paige Robinson, Treasurer Candidate for State Senate	\$300
Patrick Schmidt Candidate for State Senate	\$120
October 28, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report	
Frenchette Anderson, Treasurer Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus – Separate	\$650 Segregated Fund
Jackson Bertoncino, Treasurer Progressive Caucus of the Kansas Democratic Party	\$300
Robert Frost, Treasurer Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City	\$650
Robert Frost, Treasurer KC Home Builders Kansas Area Council	\$450
Carolyn Marie Fugit, Treasurer Kansas 4 th Congressional District Democratic Party Comm	\$300 ittee
Daniel Garrett, Treasurer Johnson County Young Republicans	\$750
Liz Hart, Treasurer Crawford County Republican Women	\$300
Richard Hilderbrand, Treasurer Candidate for Sheriff	\$300
Rober Hobrock Candidate for County Commissioner	\$1,000
AlmaAnn Jones Candidate for County Commissioner	\$1,000
Nathan Jones	\$1,000
Candidate for Sheriff Vicky Kaaz Candidate for County Commissioner	\$200
Max Knopp, Treasurer Integrity in Kansas House	\$300
Chris Mains, Treasurer	\$40

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5 PAC

Megan Pridmore, Treasurer Freedom to Learn	\$300
Brenna Proehl, Treasurer Candidate for County Commissioner	\$200
Cole Proehl Candidate for County Commissioner	\$1,000
Richard Ramos, Treasurer Firefighters Club 83	\$1,000
Chad Smith, Treasurer Candidate for County Commissioner	\$150
Susan Wilson, Treasurer Rice County Democratic Central Committee	\$300
Dustin Winter, Treasurer IAFF Local 135 FirePAC	\$300

January 10, 2025, Lobbyist Employment and Expenditures Report

Sonja Bachus, Lobbyist	\$300
Community Care Network of Kansas	
Taylor Williamson, Lobbyist	\$300
Kansas Corn Growers Association	

Civil Penalty Waiver Requests

Mr. Skoglund presented the waiver request form and supporting documentation from Frenchette Anderson, treasurer for the Greater KC Women's Political caucus – Separate Segregated Funds. The request was for the waiver of a \$650.00 civil penalty assessed for October 28, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report. Mr. Skoglund supported the waiver in full. Discussion ensued. Mr. Burger moved to waive the civil penalty in its entirety. Mr. Glynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

At 1:18 p.m., Mr. Glynn stated, "I move that the Commission recess this open meeting to executive session. The subject to be discussed in the executive session is the Commission's state district court litigation. Justification for closing the meeting is the need for consultation with the Commission's counsel about matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as contemplated by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Office Manager Payge Quintana-Padgett; Executive Director Mark Skoglund; General Counsel Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart; and Conflict Counsel Jesse Burris are to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Commission in its discussion. The open meeting shall be resumed at 1:30." Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:30 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

Upon return to open session, Chairman Hale granted Josh Ney's request for five minutes to speak with the Commission. Mr. Ney asked the Commission for guidance.

Civil Fine Hearings

Mr. Glynn called the civil fine hearing for Complaint Nos. 786 and 787 to order at 1:39 p.m. At 1:45 p.m., Ms. Quintana-Padgett administered the notarial oath to Mr. Skoglund. Mr. Skoglund replied in the affirmative. Ms. Bull-Stewart questioned Mr. Skoglund. Commissioners then asked questions of Mr. Skoglund. At 2:11 p.m., Ms. Quintana-Padgett administered the notarial oath to Christopher Parisho, Respondent in Complaint No. 786. Mr. Parisho responded in the affirmative. At 2:12 p.m., Ms. Quintana-Padgett administered the notarial oath to Melissa Stout, Respondent in Complaint No. 787. Ms. Stout responded in the affirmative. Mr. Parisho and Ms. Stout were then questioned by Ms. Bull-Stewart and the Commission. Mr. Parisho and Ms. Stout then presented their case.

At 2:38 p.m., Mr. Glynn stated I move that the Commission recess this open meeting, with conflict counsel, Jesse Burris, present, to discuss matters 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, as contemplated by K.S.A. 75-4318(g)(1). The open meeting shall be resumed here at 2:45 p.m." Mr. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 2:45 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

Upon return to open session, Mr. Hellmer moved to dismiss Complaint Nos. 786 and 787. Mr. Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Burger moved for Mr. Burris to draft the motions to dismiss. Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Hale called the civil fine hearing for Complaint No. 790 to order at 2:53 p.m. Irma Alaniz, Respondent in Complaint No. 790, was not present. Ms. Bull-Stewart presented evidence in a proffer. Mr. Solbach moved to find Ms. Alaniz liable for violating the Kansas Campaign Finance Act. Mr. Glynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Solbach moved for a \$750.00 civil fine to be imposed. Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Burger proposed a reduction to \$200.00 if the fine is paid within thirty days. Discussion ensued. Mr. Solbach adopted the provision proposed by Mr. Burger into his motion. Mr. Klaassen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Bull-Stewart asked for the authority to alter the Commission Report and Order. Mr. Solbach moved to provide Ms. Bull-Stewart with that authority. Mr. Glynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

General Topics

Mr. Burger provided an update on the Procedural Regulation subcommittee and the recusal regulation draft. Discussion ensued. The recusal regulation will be discussed at the February 26, 2025, Commission meeting

Executive Session

At 3:19 p.m., Mr. Glynn stated, "I move that the Commission recess this open meeting to executive session. The subject to be discussed in the executive session is the Commission's state district court litigation. Justification for closing the meeting is the need for consultation with the Commission's counsel about matters that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship as contemplated by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Office Manager Payge Quintana-Padgett; Executive Director Mark Skoglund; General Counsel Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart; and Conflict Counsel Jesse Burris are to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Commission in its discussion. The open meeting shall be resumed at 1:30 p.m." Mr. Solbach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 3:45 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

Executive Session

At 3:45 p.m., Mr. Glynn stated, "I move that the Commission recess into an executive session. The subject to be discussed during the executive session is the resignation of the current Executive Director. The justification for closing the meeting is the need to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Jesse Burris, Assistant Attorney General and Conflict Counsel, is to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Commission in its discussions. The open meeting shall resume here at 4:00 p.m." Mr. Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 4:00 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

At 4:00 p.m., Mr. Glynn stated, "I move that the Commission recess into an executive session. The subject to be discussed during the executive session is the resignation of the current Executive Director. The justification for closing the meeting is the need to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Jesse Burris, Assistant Attorney General and Conflict Counsel, is to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Commission in its discussions. The open meeting shall resume here at 4:15 p.m." Mr. Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Recessed Session

At 4:15 p.m., Mr. Glynn stated, "I move that the Commission recess this open meeting, with conflict counsel, Jesse Burris, 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 4:30 p.m." Mr. Solbach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 4:30 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

Upon return to open session, Mr. Burger moved to find Complaint No. 802 insufficient and to dismiss Complaint No. 793. Mr. Solbach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Burger further moved for Ms. Bull-Stewart to remain as General Counsel and to continue to serve in all interests of the Commission and for the Commission to continue daily operations while searching for a new Executive Director, that all decisions by the Executive Director be brought to the Commission in an emergency meeting, that a subcommittee be appointed to hire a new Executive Director, and that the Executive Director's resignation be accepted. Discussion ensued. Chairman Hale announced the members of the hiring subcommittee were Ms. Ramirez, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Klaassen. Chairman Hale also expressed interest in serving on the subcommittee in an unofficial capacity so long as it was allowed by statute.

Mr. Hellmer made a substitute motion to allow Ms. Bull-Stewart to be the representative for the Commission for budgetary and legislative matters and Mr. Skoglund will continue in a transitionary role for any and all ministerial functions of the agency. Mr. Burger requested an amendment that would limit Ms. Bull-Stewart's actions to those provided in the Annual Report and if any issues arise that were not stated in the annual report, Ms. Bull-Stewart must attempt to reach out to the Chair for a determination on if additional Commission action will be necessary, and Mr. Skoglund will not be allowed to speak on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Hellmer accepted Mr. Burger's amendments and adopted them into his motion. Mr. Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

Chairman Hale announced that the next meeting would be held on February 26, 2025.

Adjournment

At 4:59 p.m., Chairman Hale stated that if there were no further items to discuss, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hellmer moved to adjourn. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

901 S. Kansas Ave. Topeka, KS 66612 February 5, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Nick Hale, Chair – via videoconference
Jerry Hellmer, Vice Chair – via teleconference
Tess Ramirez – via videoconference
Chris Burger – via videoconference
Earl Glynn – via videoconference
Beau Jackson – via videoconference
Samuel Klaassen – via videoconference
Jerry Wallentine – via videoconference

Staff Present

Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, General Counsel Payge Quintana-Padgett, Office Manager

Chairman Hale called the emergency meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Chairman Hale asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Burger move to approve the agenda. Mr. Wallentine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Jackson was not present).

Campaign finance legislation discussion

Ms. Bull-Stewart provided a summary for HB 2206. Ms. Bull-Stewart also discussed her concerns with major changes in HB 2206 and asked to provide oppositional testimony to the House Elections Committee. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Burger moved to allow Ms. Bull-Stewart with the authority to express potential negative ramifications of the proposal in HB 2206. Mr. Wallentine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Jackson was not present.)

Hearing Subcommittee update

Ms. Bull-Stewart asked for the Hiring Subcommittee members' availabilities to begin scheduling interviews for the Executive Director position. Discussion ensued.

<u>Adjournment</u>

At 9:54 a.m., Chairman Hale asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Klaassen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Glynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Jackson was not present).

Administration of Campaign Finance, Conflict of Interest & Lobbying Laws



901 S. Kansas Avenue Topeka, Kansas 66612 (785) 296-4219 (phone) (785) 296-2548 (fax)

GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

https://ethics.kansas.gov

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Interim Executive Director

DATE: February 26, 2025

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, 2025, Employment & Expe	nditures Report		
Jared Holroyd, Lobbyist for Kansas Pharmacists Association	1/24/2025	8	\$450
Gamal Weheba, Lobbyist for KS Conference of the AAUP	1/25/2025	1	\$100

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 PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION WILL BE REDACTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT REQUIRED 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.

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Name	Position
AlmaAnn Jones	Candidate
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s)	•
AlmaAnn Jones for Sedgwick County Commission District 3	
Please select the appropriate form or report.	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Appointment of Treasurer (Candidate or Candidate Committee)	Report Due October 28, 2024
Statement of Organization (Political Action or Party Committee)	Failure to File Notice Sent October 31, 2024
✓ Receipts & Expenditures Report (Candidate or Committee)	Report Received December 13, 2024
Employment & Expenditures Report (Lobbyist)	Date Assessed December 13, 2024
Registration (Political Action Committee or Lobbyist)	Amount Assessed
Statement of Substantial Interests (Public Officials)	\$1,000.00

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

Categories of Good Cause	Supplemental Documentation Examples	
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.	
Financial Hardship - the assessed civil penalty creates an undue financial burden.	The financial hardship declaration <u>must</u> be completed.	
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.	
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.	

I ran for office in the primary cycle of 2024. During the campaign, I started to have severe medical issues
This prevented me from being able to connect with my campaign treasurer or go to the bank to close down my campaign account. Due to this, we were unable to file the October 28 on time as I could not get records from the bank due to my limited mobility. My treasurer travels for work often and each time he was in Wichita, I was bed ridden. We worked together to get the records together and bank account closed down as soon as I was able to get to the bank and get the final bank statements for the report. If it was not for my medical issues, this report would have been timely filed. I ask the Commission to grant this waiver so I can end this campaign. The campaign account has been closed and any fine will have to be paid by me personally. Due to upcoming medical costs, a waiver for this fine would be greatly appreciated.

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 Sedgwick		County, State of Kansas	_ , on the_5th	_ day of
February	, ₂₀ 25	London	W	

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

In the Interim Executive Director's view, this waiver request is consistent with the intention of the Commission in creating a medical avenue for waiver requests. Accordingly, the Interim Executive Director supports the waiver.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 13th day of February 2025, the foregoing Motion to Continue Public Hearing was deposited in U.S. mail, postage prepaid, both first class and certified, return receipt requested, addressed to the following:

Carolyn Marie Fugit 1635 S. Elpyco Wichita, KS 67218

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

BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

(0	Commissio	ı Use Only)
MARK SKOGLUND, Executive Director,)	
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission,)	
Complainant.)	
)	
vs.)	Complaint No. <u>791</u>
)	
RICHARD RAMOS, Treasurer)	
Firefighters Club 83,)	
Respondent.)	
	_)	

COMPLAINT

A. Complainant:

Mark Skoglund, Executive Director

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

901 S. Kansas Ave. Topeka, Kansas 66612

(785) 296-4219

B. Respondent:

Richard Ramos, Treasurer

Firefighters Club 83 301 NE Lake St.

Topeka, Kansas 66616

(785) 581-2155

C. Complainant alleges:

Failure to File July 2024 Report

- 1. Firefighters Club 83, a political committee within the State of Kansas ("the PAC"), filed its statement of organization in November 2022.
- 2. The PAC's treasurer, Richard Ramos, was responsible for filing of a July 29, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report ("July 2024 Report").
- 3. The July 2024 Report was required by K.S.A. 25-4148(a); however, no such report was filed.
- 4. On August 6, 2024, the Commission sent notice, via certified mail return receipt requested, to Mr. Ramos notifying him of the requirement to file the July 2024 Report.

5. Notwithstanding the notice of the filing requirement under K.S.A. 25-4148, Mr. Ramos has failed to file the July 2024 Report.

WHEREFORE, Complainant respectfully requests the Commission find Respondent, Richard Ramos, liable under the Kansas Campaign Finance Act for failing to file the report required by K.S.A. 25-4148, and that the Commission impose a fine pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4181, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the first violation, \$10,000.00 for the second violation and \$15,000.00 for the third violation and for each subsequent violation.

Signature of complainant

PREPARED BY:

/s/ Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart

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State of Kansas)
) ss
County of Shawnee)

Mark Skoglund, being first duly sworn, upon oath states:

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 PUBL

Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this 23⁻¹ day of September 2024.

Notary Public

My appointment expires: August 30, 2027

(Seal)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 23⁻⁻¹ day of September 2024, the foregoing Complaint was deposited in the U.S. mail, certified postage prepaid, return receipt requested, **and** deposited in the U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid addressed to the following:

Richard Ramos 301 NE Lake St. Topeka, KS 66616

Payge E. Quintana-Padgett

Office Manager

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

901 S. Kansas Ave.

Topeka, KS 66612

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

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BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

(Commission Use Only)				
MARK SKOGLUND, Executive Dir	ector.			
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission,)		
Complainant.)		
Complaina)		
vs.		Complaint No. 794		
)		
CAROLYN MARIE FUGIT, Treasurer)		
Kansas 4th Congressional District)		
Democratic Party Committee,)		
Respondent.)		
		_)		
		COMPLAINT		
Kansas		Skoglund, Executive Director Governmental Ethics Commission Kansas Ave.		
	Topeka (785) 29	a, Kansas 66612 96-4219		
•	Carolyn Marie Fugit, Treasurer Kansas 4 th Congressional District Democratic Party Committee 1635 S. Elpyco Wichita, Kansas 67218 (316) 841-0396			
C. Complainant alleges:				
Count 1 - Failure	to File	2024 Political Action Committee Registration		
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Count 2 - Failure to File July 2024 Report

- 5. Complainant re-alleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 4 above and incorporates the same herein by reference.
- 6. Ms. Fugit, as treasurer, was responsible for filing of a July 29, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report ("July 2024 Report").
- 7. The July 2024 Report was required by K.S.A. 25-4148(a); however, no such report was filed.
- 8. On August 6, 2024, the Commission sent notice, via certified mail return receipt requested, to Ms. Fugit, notifying her of the requirement to file the July 2024 Report.
- 9. Notwithstanding the notice of the filing requirement under K.S.A. 25-4148, Ms. Fugit has failed to file the July 2024 Report.

WHEREFORE, Complainant respectfully requests the Commission find Respondent, Carolyn Marie Fugit, liable under the Kansas Campaign Finance Act for failing to file the report required by K.S.A. 25-4148, and that the Commission impose a fine pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4181, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the first violation, \$10,000.00 for the second violation and \$15,000.00 for the third violation and for each subsequent violation.

Signature of complainant

PREPARED BY:

/s/ Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart

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State of Kansas)	
) ss	
County of Shawnee)	

Mark Skoglund, being first duly sworn, upon oath states:

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

Subscribed and sworn (affirmed) to before me this 222 day of Septe

day of September 2024.

NOTARY PUBL

Notary Public

My appointment expires: August 30,2027

(Seal)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Carolyn Marie Fugit 1635 S. Elpyco Wichita, KS 67218

Payge E. Quintana-Padgett

Office Manager

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