

Agenda
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S Kansas Ave
Topeka, KS 66612
March 26, 2025
12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. Call meeting to order

Review and approve today’s meeting agenda and minutes from the February 26, 2025, and March 6, 2025, meetings

Statements of Substantial Interests (SSI) reminder

General Topics

- Internal Policy 2025-01

Civil Penalty Assessments

Candidates and Treasurers

Brad Boyd, Candidate State Representative	Jermaine Jamison, Candidate City Council
Mathew Reinhold, Candidate State Representative	Joseph Scapa, Candidate State Representative
Laura Smalley, Treasurer Candidate for City Council	Gary Walker, Treasurer Candidate for State Representative

PAC and Party Committee Treasurers

John Carson, Treasurer Kansas City Realtors PAC	Megan Hilbish, Treasurer Kansas State Rifle Association PAC
Max Knopp, Treasurer Integrity in Kansas House	Melinda Lavon, Treasurer Vote Freedom In PAC
Laura Skinner, Treasurer Wilson Co. Democratic Central Committee	

Lobbyists

Ethan Brown, Lobbyist Kansas Optometric Association	Ashley Hernandez, Lobbyist Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth
Megan Hilbish, Lobbyist Kansas State Rifle Association, Inc.	Allen Kenny, Lobbyist ICS Networks, LLC
Keith Macejewski, Lobbyist The Gordian Group, Inc.	Eric Rogers, Lobbyist BikeWalkKC

Civil Penalty Waiver Requests

- Gamal Weheba, Lobbyist
KS Conference of the AAUP

Civil Fine Hearings

- Complaint No. 791 – Richard Ramos, Treasurer

Firefighters Club 83 – Stay requested

- Complaint No. 794 – Carolyn Marie Fugit, Treasurer

Kansas 4th Congressional District Democratic Party Committee – Stay requested

1:00 p.m. Kerri Piersey – Executive Director Interview (Exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1))

2:00 p.m. Anne Spiess – Executive Director Interview (Exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1))

3:00 p.m. Rich Christie – Executive Director Interview (Exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1))

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

Recessed Session

Next Meeting Date: April 23, 2025

4:30 p.m. Adjournment

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

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Interim Executive Director
Payge Quintana-Padgett, Office Manager
Jesse Burris, Conflict Counsel

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 minutes from the January 22, 2025, and February 5, 2025, meetings, Chairman Hale asked for a motion to approve the agenda and minutes as written, unless anyone could identify any corrections. Mr. Hellmer moved to approve the agenda and minutes as written. Ms. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Klaassen was not present.)

Staff and Commissioner Introduction

Introductions of a new staff member and new commissioner occurred.

Ratification of Interim Director Appointment

Chairman Hale asked for a motion to ratify the appointment of Ms. Bull-Stewart as the Interim Executive Director. Mr. Hellmer moved to ratify. Ms. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Klaassen was not present.)

Interim Executive Director's Report

Ms. Bull-Stewart provided legislative updates. Ms. Bull-Stewart asked for the authority to provide neutral testimony on HB 2206 in the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs. Mr. Burger moved to provide Ms. Bull-Stewart that authority. Ms. Ramirez seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bull-Stewart presented Internal Policy 2025-01 which covered the duties of the Executive Director as provided by statute, regulation, and the daily tasks for the office. Discussion ensued.

Discussion on Internal Policy 2025-01 is scheduled to continue at the March 26, 2025, Commission meeting.

General Topics

Ms. Bull-Stewart asked to move the deadline for public comment on the procedural regulations to May 1, 2025, considering the transition and to give the new Executive Director the potential to comment on the procedural regulations. Ms. Ramirez moved to extend the deadline to May 1, 2025. Mr. Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Civil Penalty Assessments

January 10, 2025, Lobbyist Employment and Expenditures Report

Jared Holroyd, Lobbyist	\$450
Kansas Pharmacists Association	

Gamal Weheba, Lobbyist	\$100
KS Conference of the AAUP	

Civil Penalty Waiver Requests

Ms. Bull-Stewart presented the waiver request form and supporting documentation from AlmaAnn Jones, candidate for County Commissioner. The request was for the waiver of a \$1,000.00 civil penalty assessed for October 28, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report. Ms. Bull-Stewart supported the waiver in full. Discussion ensued. Ms. Ramirez moved to waive the civil penalty in its entirety. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Civil Fine Hearings

Ms. Bull-Stewart requested a continuance in Complaint No. 791 because the group changed leadership and compliance is in process of being achieved. Ms. Ramirez move to grant the motion to continue until March 26, 2025. Mr. Klaassen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bull-Stewart requested a continuance in Complaint No. 794 because the group changed leadership and compliance is in process of being achieved. Ms. Bull-Stewart asked that the hearing for Complaint No. 794 be continued to the March 26, 2025, Commission meeting. Mr. Klaassen moved to approve the requested continuance. Mr. Glynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Wallentine stated, “I move that the Commission recess into an executive session. The subject to be discussed during executive session is the hiring of the Commission’s new 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). Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Interim Executive Director and General Counsel, Payge Quintana-Padgett, Office Manager, and Jesse Burris, Assistant Attorney General and Conflict Counsel, are to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Commission

in its discussion. The open meeting shall resume here at 2:15 p.m.” Mr. Klaassen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 2:15 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

Upon return to open session, Mr. Jackson moved to increase Ms. Bull-Stewart’s compensation to include the compensation for the Executive Director position and for the General Counsel position. Ms. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Wallentine stated, “I move that the commission recess into an executive session. The subject to be discussed during the executive session is the Commission’s active district court litigation. The justification for closing the meeting is the need for the Commission to discuss matters with its attorney that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Interim Executive Director and General Counsel, Payge Quintana-Padgett, Office Manager, and Jesse Burris, Assistant Attorney General and Conflict Counsel, are to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Commission in its discussions. The open meeting shall resume here at 3:00 p.m.” Mr. Burger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 3:00 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

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At 3:15 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

Next Meeting Date

Ms. Bull-Stewart asked for Commissioner availability for a secondary meeting prior to March 14, 2025.

Mr. Hellmer announced that the next meeting would be held on March 26, 2025.

Adjournment

At 3:24 p.m., Mr. Hellmer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jackson moved to adjourn. Mr. Klaassen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission
901 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612
March 6, 2025
1:00 p.m.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Interim Executive Director
Payge Quintana-Padgett, Office Manager

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

Agenda Approval

Chairman Hale asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written if there were no issues. Mr. Hellmer moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Glynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Klaassen and Mr. Jackson were not present.)

Legislative Update

Ms. Bull-Stewart provided summaries of SB 285 and SB 286. After completing the summary for SB 285, Ms. Bull-Stewart asked to submit neutral written testimony. Discussion ensued. After completing the summary for SB 286, Ms. Bull-Stewart asked to provide written and oral testimony on the implications of SB 286. Discussion ensued. Mr. Klaassen moved to provide Ms. Bull-Stewart the authority to provide neutral written and oral testimony on SB 286 and its limitations and to be available for questions on SB 285. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

At 1:31 p.m., Mr. Glynn stated, “I move that the Commission recess into an executive session. The subject to be discussed during executive session is the hiring of the Commission’s new 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). Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Interim Executive Director and General Counsel, and Payge Quintana-Padgett, Office Manager, are to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Commission in its discussions. The open meeting shall resume here at 1:45 p.m.” Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:45 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

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

At 1:45 p.m., Mr. Glynn stated, "I move that the Commission recess into an executive session. The subject to be discussed during executive session is the Commission's active district court litigation. The justification for closing the meeting is the need for the Commission to discuss matters with its attorney that would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Kaitlyn Bull-Stewart, Interim Executive Director and General Counsel, and Payge Quintana-Padgett, Office Manager, are to be admitted to the executive session to aid the Commission in its discussions. The open meeting shall be resumed here at 2:10 p.m." Mr. Hellmer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 2:10 p.m., the Commission returned to open session.

Next Meeting Date

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

Adjournment

Chairman Hale asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hellmer moved to adjourn. Mr. Wallentine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

<https://ethics.kansas.gov>

Internal Policy 2025-01: Executive Director Duties

The Executive Director must do the following to comply with relevant Commission statutes and regulations:

- Exercise prosecutorial discretion in investigating potential violations under both the Kansas Campaign Finance Act and the State Governmental Ethics Law (K.A.R. 19-3-1)
- Assist staff with conducting audits and reviewing report filings as needed (K.A.R. 19-3-2)
- File complaints for any report when any person fails to file a report required under the laws unless the Executive Director finds that, for good cause, a complaint should not be filed (K.A.R. 19-5-1)
- File complaints under the Kansas Campaign Finance Act or State Governmental Ethics Law when there is probable cause to believe that a provision of the law has been violated (K.A.R. 19-5-1)

The Executive Director is also responsible for the day-to-day managing of the Commission's office and staff, which includes:

- Approving time and leave requests for office staff
- Determining how to and if to respond to inquiries from the press
- Preparing the agency's budget for August for Commission approval and present the same to the Legislature in September
- Preparing an annual report, with legislative recommendations, for the Commission's approval at the September or October meeting
- Assisting the Chair in leading Commission meetings
- Filling staff positions, as necessary, by advertising the position, vetting applicants, interviewing applicants, and hiring for the position
- Completing fiscal notes as they are received from the agency budget analyst
- Completing annual account reports as they are received from the Department of Administration
- Providing testimony to the Legislature regarding the potential implications of legislation reforming the Kansas Campaign Finance Act or State Governmental Ethics Law
- Working with the agency's General Counsel regarding the collection process for civil penalties and civil fines

- Providing investigation updates to the Commission as appropriate
- Ensuring the Commission is properly informed regarding ongoing litigation in State and/or Federal Court
- Answering inquiries from the public regarding compliance with the Kansas Campaign Finance Act or State Governmental Ethics Law
- Reviewing waiver request forms and offer recommendations to the Commission regarding waiver requests
- Entering contracts with entities outside of state government as necessary (e.g., commercial lease renegotiation is up in November)
- Entering memorandums of understanding with other state agencies to ensure the Commission's day-to-day operations are uninterrupted
- Conducting trainings regarding compliance with the Kansas Campaign Finance Act or State Governmental Ethics Law
- Posting on social media regarding filing deadlines and other ministerial/administrative matters

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

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Commission Staff

DATE: March 26, 2025

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 January 10, 2024, Receipts and Expenditures Report			
Brad Boyd, Candidate State Representative	N/A	30+	\$300
January 10, 2025, Receipts and Expenditures Report			
Jermaine Jamison, Candidate City Council	3/10/2025	4	\$40
Mathew Reinhold, Candidate State Representative	2/27/2025	1	\$10
Joseph Scapa, Candidate State Representative	2/27/2025	1	\$10
Laura Smalley, Treasurer Candidate for City Council	3/10/2025	4	\$40
Gary Walker, Treasurer Candidate for State Representative	2/27/2025	1	\$10

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

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Commission Staff

DATE: March 26, 2025

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, 2025, Receipts and Expenditures Report			
John Carson, Treasurer Kansas City Realtors PAC	N/A	30+	\$300
Megan Hilbish, Treasurer Kansas State Rifle Association PAC	N/A	30+	\$300
Max Knopp, Treasurer Integrity in Kansas House	N/A	30+	\$300
Melinda Lavon, Treasurer Vote Freedom In PAC	N/A	30+	\$300
Laura Skinner, Treasurer Wilson County Democratic Central Committee	2/26/2025	3	\$30

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

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Commission Staff

DATE: March 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Days Late</u>	<u>Amount</u>
February 10, 2025, Employment & Expenditures Report			
Ethan Brown, Lobbyist for Kansas Optometric Association	2/21/2025	4	\$250
Ashley Hernandez, Lobbyist for Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth	2/21/2025	4	\$250
Megan Hilbish, Lobbyist for Kansas State Rifle Association, Inc.	N/A	19+	\$1,000
Keith Macejewski, Lobbyist for The Gordian Group, Inc.	3/10/2025	19+	\$1,000
Eric Rogers, Lobbyist for BikeWalkKC	2/27/2025	10	\$550
March 10, 2025, Employment & Expenditures Report			
Allen Kenny, Lobbyist ICS Networks, LLC	3/18/2025	4	\$250

**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.

RECEIVED
MAR 09 2025
KS Governmental Ethics Commission

Name Gamal Weheba	Position Lobbyist
Associated Organization, Office Sought, or Lobbying Client(s) Kansas Conference of the AAUP	

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	January 10, 2025
Failure to File Notice Sent	January 21, 2025
Report Received	January 25, 2025
Date Assessed	February 26, 2025
Amount Assessed	\$100.00

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

Categories of Good Cause	Supplemental Documentation Examples
<input type="checkbox"/> <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.
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Financial Hardship</u> - the assessed civil penalty creates an undue financial burden.	The financial hardship declaration <u>must</u> be completed.
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Natural Disaster or Theft</u> making timely filing impossible due to the unavailability of records.	Police incident, fire, or insurance report(s) with dates provided and the details of the loss or damage.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Other Unique Circumstances</u> not previously mentioned that did not arise from the filer's delay or negligence.	Any documentation that will substantiate the reason as to why the filing was delayed.

Additional Explanation

I was out of the country from December 7, 2024 to January 18, 2025. I did not have access to the internet. Please see attached copies of my boarding passes.

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 5 day of March, 2025.

Jamal Weheba

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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Staff do not have a recommendation regarding this waiver request since it does not fall into any of the enumerated reasons stated above.

Leaving Wichita on December 7, 2024

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Returning to Wichita on January 18, 2025

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Please be at the gate at boarding time, otherwise your ticket may be given away. We reserve the right to change your flight without notice. We are not responsible for any loss of baggage or other property. We are not responsible for any damage to baggage or other property.

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MAX 1 HANDGEPAECK/HANDLUGGAGE

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Austrian brussels Lufthansa SWISS STAR ALLIANCE MEMBER

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BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

(Commission Use Only)

MARK SKOGLUND, Executive Director,)
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission,)
Complainant.)
)
vs.)
)
RICHARD RAMOS, Treasurer)
Firefighters Club 83,)
Respondent.)
)

Complaint No. 791

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

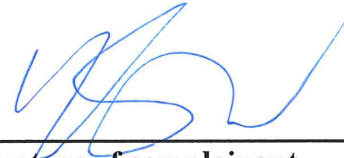
C. Complainant alleges:

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

Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart, #28892

General Counsel

Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

901 S. Kansas Ave.

Topeka, KS 66612

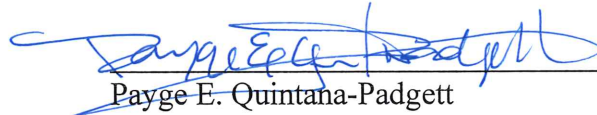
(785) 296-4219; (785) 296-2548 (fax)

Kaitlyn.Bull-Stewart@ks.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 23rd 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)
KGEC_Ethics@ks.gov

BEFORE THE KANSAS GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

(Commission Use Only)

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

vs.)

Complaint No. 794

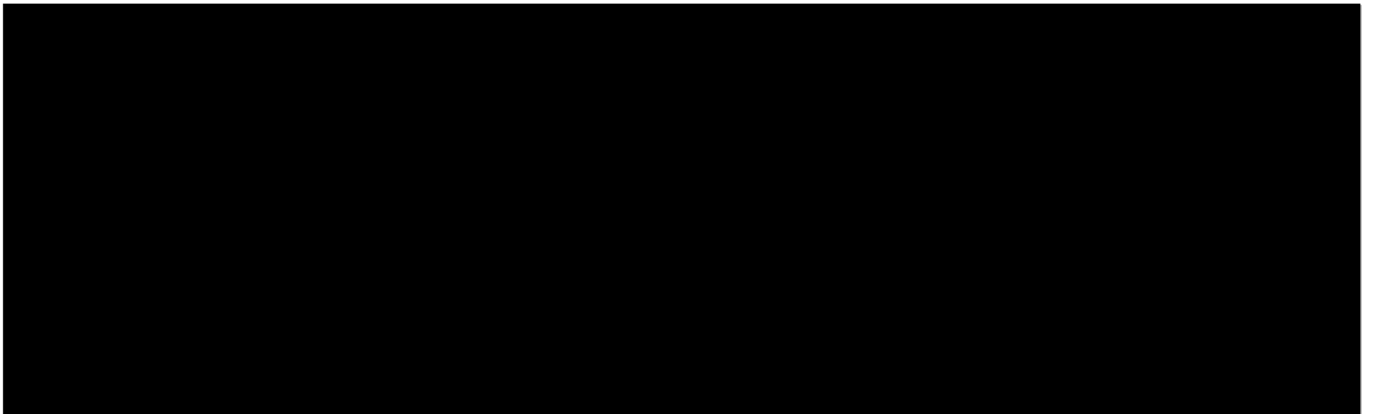
CAROLYN MARIE FUGIT, Treasurer)
Kansas 4th Congressional District)
Democratic Party Committee,)
Respondent.)

COMPLAINT

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

B. Respondent: Carolyn Marie Fugit, Treasurer
Kansas 4th Congressional District
Democratic Party Committee
1635 S. Elpyco
Wichita, Kansas 67218
(316) 841-0396

C. Complainant alleges:



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 [REDACTED] 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

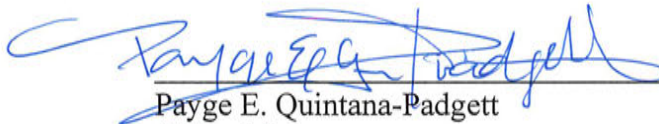
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the 23rd 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:

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