

REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

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The Registry of Election Finance for the State of Tennessee met Monday, July 10, 1995, at 1614 Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Attending were: Gail Vaughn Ashworth, acting chairperson, members Carole Bucy, Alan Hubbard, Herman Reviere and Dudley Wayne Taylor.

The minutes of the May 8 meeting were approved without objection.

Reconsideration Requests:

95-16, 95-29, 95-51 and 95-52 - Rep. Kathryn Bowers. During previous meetings, the Registry voted in four separate cases to assess class two (2) civil penalties against Rep. Kathryn Bowers for her failure to file a 1994 corrected post-primary campaign disclosure report, a pre-general report, a post-general report and to report two PAC contributions on her pre-primary report.

Rep. Bowers submitted a statement for the board's reconsideration of all the assessments of civil penalties against her and requested a personal appearance at the Registry's July meeting. After Rep. Bowers failed to appear before the board, no action was taken on her reconsideration request.

94-52, 95-47 and 95-48 - Rep. John DeBerry. In three separate cases, the Registry previously assessed Rep. DeBerry class two (2) civil penalties for failing to timely file a 1994 post-primary campaign financial disclosure report, a properly completed post-primary report and a pre-general report.

On July 7, Rep. DeBerry requested a personal appearance before the board for reconsideration of the assessments of penalties against him. Rep. DeBerry failed to appear at the Registry's meeting, and no action was taken on the reconsideration request.

Approval of Civil Penalty Orders:

95-54 - Rep. John DeBerry. Rep. John DeBerry failed to file a corrected post-general campaign financial disclosure report. He requested to personally appear before the board at the July 10 meeting. Rep. DeBerry failed to appear before the board. Motion by Reviere, seconded by Bucy, the board voted unanimously by roll call vote to assess a \$500 class two (2) penalty.

Issuance of Show Cause Notices:

Gibson's PAC, for failure to file a first quarter campaign disclosure report. Class two (2), maximum civil penalty \$10,000. Motion by Bucy, seconded by Reviere, the board voted to issue a show cause notice.

Make A Difference PAC, for failure to file a first quarter campaign disclosure report. Class two (2), maximum civil penalty \$10,000. Motion by Reviere, seconded by Bucy, the board voted to issue a show cause notice.

Service Corp. International PAC, for failure to file a first quarter campaign disclosure report. Class two (2), maximum civil penalty \$10,000. Motion by Reviere, seconded by Bucy, the board voted to issue a show cause notice.

TN Common Sense PAC, for failure to file a first quarter campaign disclosure report. Class two (2), maximum civil penalty \$10,000. Motion by Reviere, seconded by Hubbard, the board voted to issue a show cause notice.

TN Naral PAC, for failure to timely file a first quarter campaign disclosure report. Class one (1), maximum penalty \$50. Motion by Reviere, seconded by Hubbard, the board voted to take no action in this case.

Budget Report:

Drew Rawlins presented the budget statistics for April and May and reported that the budget is on schedule as far as expenses are concerned for the 1995-96 fiscal year.

Executive Director's Report:

Director Catalano presented information regarding the annual COGEL meeting in Washington, DC, scheduled for September 17 - 20. Cost for the seminar will be approximately \$1,000 per person. Herman Reviere made a motion to send two staff members and one board member to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carole Bucy. After further discussion, the board voted on motion by Carole Bucy, seconded by Reviere, to send Gail Ashworth to the meeting to represent the board.

Catalano presented copies of the new Lobbying Reform Act of 1995 and Campaign Contribution Limits Act of 1995, along with summaries of each bill. After much discussion, it was decided that the Middle Tennessee Registry members, and any other members interested in attending, would meet to discuss rules and regulations for the new Lobbying Act on Monday, July 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Other Business:

The next Registry meeting will be held on August 14, 1995, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

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