

REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

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The Registry of Election Finance for the state of Tennessee met Monday, August 14, 1995, at 1614 Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Attending were: Jamye Coleman Williams, Chairperson, members Gail Vaughn Ashworth, Howard E. Bond, Carole Bucy, Alan Hubbard, and Herman Reviere.

The minutes of the July 10 meeting were approved without objection.

Reconsideration Requests:

94-52, 95-30, 95-47, 95-48 and 95-54 - Rep. John DeBerry. Rep. DeBerry through his attorney, John Lyell, requested that the board reconsider its action in assessing him civil penalties totalling \$3,450 in five separate cases. Mr. Lyell explained that Rep. DeBerry has now filed all of his 1994 campaign disclosure reports and that all errors have now been corrected. Rep. DeBerry explained that he now has an accountant so that he should have no problems during the next election cycle. Motion by Ashworth, seconded by Hubbard, the board voted unanimously to reconsider case nos. 95-47, 95-48, and 95-54. After a discussion, motion by Reviere, seconded by Bond, the board voted unanimously by roll call to reduce the penalties in case nos. 95-47, 95-48 and 95-54 to \$100 each. The total amount of penalties now owed by Rep. DeBerry is \$1,250.

95-16, 95-29, 95-51 and 95-52 - Rep. Kathryn Bowers. Rep. Bowers requested that the board reconsider the assessment of civil penalties against her in four separate cases. Rep. Bowers has now completed and corrected all of her 1994 campaign finance reports. Motion by Ashworth, seconded by Bond the board voted unanimously to reconsider case nos. 95-29, 95-51, and 95-52. After a discussion, motion by Reviere, seconded by Ashworth, the board voted unanimously by roll call to leave the penalty at \$75 in case no. 95-29, and to reduce the civil penalties to \$100 each in case nos. 95-51, and 95-52. The total amount of penalties owed by Rep. Bowers is \$1,275.

Statement Submitted in Response to Show Cause Notice:

95-58 - TN COMMON SENSE PAC, TN Common Sense PAC submitted a written statement for the Registry's consideration. On motion by Ashworth, seconded by Reviere, the board voted unanimously to take no action.

Approval of Civil Penalty Orders:

95-57 - Service Corporation International PAC, for failure to file first quarter campaign disclosure report. Class two (2), maximum civil

penalty \$10,000. Motion by Ashworth, seconded by Hubbard, the board voted unanimously to take no action.

95-56 - Make a Difference PAC, for failure to file first quarter campaign disclosure report. Class two (2), maximum civil penalty \$10,000. Motion by Reviere, seconded by Ashworth, the board voted unanimously to take no action.

95-55 - Gibson's PAC, for failure to file first quarter campaign disclosure report. Class two (2), maximum civil penalty \$10,000. Motion by Bucy, seconded by Reviere, the board voted unanimously by roll call vote to assess a \$1,000 class two (2) civil penalty.

Issue of Show Cause Notices:

Coalition for a Lasting Association of Safe Schools, for late filing of second quarter campaign disclosure report. Class one (1), maximum civil penalty \$300. Motion by Bucy, seconded by Ashworth, the board voted to issue a show cause notice.

Eye PAC, for late filing of second quarter campaign disclosure report. Class one (1), maximum civil penalty \$150. Motion by Reviere, seconded by Ashworth, the board voted to take no action.

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

Health Providers PAC, for failure to file second quarter campaign disclosure report. Class one (1), maximum civil penalty \$50. Motion by Ashworth, seconded by Reviere, the board voted to issue a show cause notice.

D. J. O'Donnell, for failure to timely file post-election campaign disclosure report. Class two (2), maximum civil penalty \$10,000. Motion by Reviere, seconded by Bond, the board voted to issue a show cause notice.

Appeal of Assessment Made by Knox County:

Richard Scarbrough. Mr. Scarbrough sent a written request to the Registry to appeal the assessment of \$375 in class one (1) penalties against him by the Knox County Election Commission for the late filing of a campaign allocation report. The board agreed to put the matter on its agenda for the next meeting.

Budget Report:

Drew Rawlins presented the final budget figures for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. The board requested that the office staff look into adding another person to the staff, either permanent or temporary, and also obtaining additional office space. The office needs additional storage space, a larger conference room, and more office space.

Executive Director's Report:

Peggy Catalano reported that plans for the COGEL conference are now complete. Ashworth, Catalano and Rawlins will be attending the meeting in Washington, D.C. on September 16-20.

With Ashworth acting as chairperson, the board considered issues presented by the staff for the purpose of proposing rules under the new lobbying law. After much discussion, the board agreed to let the office staff take the ideas that were discussed and to formulate rules to be presented at the next board meeting.

The next Registry meeting will be held on September 11, 1995, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.

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