

REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Registry of Election Finance met Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at Suite 1614 of Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Attending the meeting were board members George Harding, Darlene McNeece, John McClarty and Marian Ott. Karen Dunavant and William Long participated via telephone.

A motion was made by Long, seconded by McNeece, to approve the March 8, 2006 board minutes. The motion passed the board unanimously.

Sworn Statement Submitted

06-05 Quintessa Hathaway, for failure to timely file a 2005 annual supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), nine days late, maximum two hundred twenty-five (\$225) civil penalty. Ms. Hathaway has had no previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its March 8, 2006 meeting to issue Ms. Hathaway a show cause notice.

Ms. Hathaway submitted a statement for the board's consideration. In this statement, Ms. Hathaway explained that she unknowingly created and submitted the wrong report at the Registry's electronic filing system. Ms. Hathaway further explained that Registry staff contacted her to file the correct report which caused a delay in her report being filed timely.

On motion by Dunavant, seconded by McClarty, the board voted unanimously to take no action in this matter.

Cases Subject to Approval for Civil Penalty

06-01 Regions Financial Corporation PAC, for failure to file a 2005 4th quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), over 30 days late, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had a previous matter before the board.

The board voted at its March 8, 2006 meeting to issue the organization a show cause notice.

Director Rawlins informed the board that there has been no response to the show cause notice.

A motion was made by McNeece, seconded by Harding, to assess the organization a \$10,000 civil penalty. The motion to assess the organization a \$10,000 civil penalty passed the board unanimously with Dunavant "abstaining."

06-02 Perry County Democrats, for failure to file a 2005 3rd quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand

(\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had previous matters before the board. (See below)

The board voted at its March 8, 2006 meeting to issue the organization a show cause notice.

Director Rawlins informed the board that there has been no response to the show cause notice and that the report still has not been filed. Director Rawlins further informed the board that because the organization has failed to file two consecutive reports, he will be sending them notification that if the required reports are not filed the PAC will be closed with the state.

A motion was made by Harding, seconded by McClarty, to assess the organization a \$50 for Case No. 06-02 and \$50 for Case No. 06-03 and close the PAC with the Registry. This motion failed by a 2 to 4 vote, with Dunavant, Long, McNeece and Ott voting "no." A motion was made by McNeece to assess the organization a \$10,000 civil penalty for each case. A friendly amendment was made by Long, accepted by McNeece, to assess the organization a \$5,000 civil penalty for Case No. 06-02 and \$5,000 for Case No. 06-03 and close the PAC with the Registry. The motion to assess the organization \$5,000 for Case No. 06-02 and \$5,000 for Case No. 06-03 passed by a 5 to 1 vote, with Harding voting "no."

06-03 Perry County Democrats, for failure to file a 2005 4th quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had previous matters before the board. (See above)

The board voted at its March 8, 2006 meeting to issue the organization a show cause notice.

Director Rawlins informed the board that there has been no response to the show cause notice and that the report still has not been filed. Director Rawlins further informed the board that because the organization has failed to file two consecutive reports, he will be sending them notification that if the required reports are not filed the PAC will be closed with the state.

A motion was made by Harding, seconded by McClarty, to assess the organization a \$50 for Case No. 06-02 and \$50 for Case No. 06-03 and close the PAC with the Registry. This motion failed by a 2 to 4 vote, with Dunavant, Long, McNeece and Ott voting "no." A motion was made by McNeece to assess the organization a \$10,000 civil penalty for each case. A friendly amendment was made by Long, accepted by McNeece, to assess the organization a \$5,000 civil penalty for Case No. 06-02 and \$5,000 for Case No. 06-03 and close the PAC with the Registry. The motion to assess the organization \$5,000 for Case No. 06-02 and \$5,000 for Case No. 06-03 passed by a 5 to 1 vote, with Harding voting "no."

06-04 Ernie Paquette, for failure to timely file a 2005 year-end lobbying activities report. Class one (1), 12 days late, maximum three hundred (\$300) civil penalty. Mr. Paquette has had no previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its March 8, 2006 meeting to issue Mr. Paquette a show cause notice.

Mr. Paquette submitted a sworn statement for the board's consideration. In this statement, Mr. Paquette apologized for his failure to timely file the required report and explained that he registered as a volunteer lobbyist but that he never visited the Legislature nor did he have any lobbying activity in 2005.

A motion was made by McClarty, seconded by Harding, to assess Mr. Paquette a \$50 civil penalty. A friendly amendment was made by McNeece, accepted by McClarty, to assess Mr. Paquette a \$100 civil penalty. The motion to assess Mr. Paquette a \$100 civil penalty passed the board unanimously.

06-06 Edwin Sanders, II, for failure to timely file a 2005 annual supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), six days late, maximum one hundred fifty (\$150) civil penalty. Mr. Sanders has had a previous matter before the board.

The board voted at its March 8, 2006 meeting to issue Mr. Sanders a show cause notice.

Mr. Sanders personally appeared before the board and explained that because he travels constantly he did not receive the Registry's correspondence timely and therefore his report was filed late. Mr. Sanders stated that he is aware of the reporting requirements and will take steps to make sure that all future filings with the Registry are timely.

A motion was made by McNeece, seconded by Ott, to assess Mr. Sanders a \$100 civil penalty. The motion to assess Mr. Sanders a \$100 civil penalty failed the board 3 to 3, with Dunavant, Harding and McClarty voting "no." A motion was then made by McClarty, seconded by Harding, to assess Mr. Sanders a \$50 civil penalty. The motion to assess Mr. Sanders a \$50 civil penalty passed the board unanimously.

Cases Considered for Issuance of Show Cause Notices

William Howard Robinson, Jr., for failure to file a 2005 annual supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Robinson has had previous matters before the board.

Director Rawlins informed the board that Registry staff had contacted Mr. Robinson's mother and that she requested that Mr. Robinson be removed from the candidate list because of mental health issues. Director Rawlins further informed the board that Mr. Robinson did not qualify to run for office in the upcoming election.

On motion by Dunavant, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to take no further action in this matter.

Jim Jamieson, for failure to file a 2005 annual supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Jamieson has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by McClarty, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Ronda Combs, for failure to timely file a 2005 year-end lobbying activities report. Class one (1), two days late, maximum fifty (\$50) civil penalty. Ms. Combs has had no previous matters before the board.

Ms. Combs submitted a statement for the board's consideration. In this statement, Ms. Combs explained that she was not actively lobbying and did not engage in any lobbying activity or make political contributions during the reporting period. Ms. Combs further explained that she had been out of state due to family illness and that had contributed to her failure to timely file.

On motion by Dunavant, seconded by McClarty, the board voted unanimously to take no action in this matter.

Suzanne Fisher, for failure to file a 2005 year-end lobbying activities report. Class one (1), no report filed, maximum seven hundred fifty (\$750) civil penalty. Ms. Fisher has had a previous matter before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by McClarty, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Jerry Hall, for failure to file a 2005 year-end lobbying activities report. Class one (1), no report filed, maximum seven hundred fifty (\$750) civil penalty. Mr. Hall has had a previous matter before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by McClarty, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Charles Love, for failure to timely file a 2005 year-end lobbying activities report. Class one (1), 5 days late, maximum one hundred twenty-five (\$125) civil penalty. Mr. Love has had a previous matter before the board.

On motion by Dunavant, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to take no action in this matter.

Megan Macaraeg, for failure to file a 2005 year-end lobbying activities report. Class one (1), no report filed, maximum seven hundred fifty (\$750) civil penalty. Ms. Macaraeg has had a previous matter before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by McClarty, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Ron Redwing, for failure to file a 2005 year-end lobbying activities report. Class one (1), no report filed, maximum seven hundred fifty (\$750) civil penalty. Mr. Redwing has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by McClarty, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Bob Stubblefield, for failure to file a 2005 year-end lobbying activities report. Class one (1), no report filed, maximum seven hundred fifty (\$750) civil penalty. Mr. Stubblefield has had a previous matter before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by McClarty, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Reported Financial Expenses

Director Rawlins provided the board members with a list of civil penalties that have been paid year to date.

Director Rawlins presented the expenditure reports for the 2005/2006 fiscal year through March 31, 2006.

Executive Director's Report

Director Rawlins discussed with the board the progress that the state is making in setting up the Ethics Commission. Director Rawlins informed the board that two members had been appointed by the House to serve on the Ethics Commission but that the four remaining members have not yet been named by the Governor and Senate.

Other Business

After discussion, on motion by Long, seconded by McClarty, the board voted unanimously to give staff the following performance bonuses from the 2005/06 budget:

Drew Rawlins, Executive Director	\$6,000
Janet Williams, Campaign Finance Specialist	\$3,000
Brian Green, Administrative Services Assistant IV	\$1,000
Jackie Allen, Administrative Assistant	\$1,000

McNeece, seconded by McClarty made a motion, to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion passed unanimously.