

REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Registry of Election Finance met Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Suite 1614 of Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Presiding over the meeting was Chairperson William Long. Attending the meeting were board members George Harding, Patricia Heim and Darlene McNeece.

On motion by Heim, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2008 regular board meeting. The motion passed the board unanimously.

Show Cause Hearings

07-83 Harold White (Davidson County), for failure to timely file a 2007 3rd quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), nine days late, maximum two hundred twenty-five dollar (\$225) civil penalty. Mr. White has had no previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its December 12, 2007 meeting to issue Mr. White a show cause notice. Mr. White requested to appear before the board.

The board voted at its February 13, 2008 meeting defer any action in this matter until the next meeting to allow Mr. White an opportunity to personally appear before the board.

Mr. White personally appeared before the board and explained his failure to timely file the required report.

On motion by Harding, seconded by Heim, the board voted unanimously to assess Mr. White a \$50 civil penalty.

07-84 G. A. Hardaway, for failing to report 13 PAC contributions on his campaign financial disclosure reports. Class two (2), maximum ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) civil penalty. Rep. Hardaway has had previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its December 12, 2007 meeting to issue Rep. Hardaway a show cause notice. Rep. Hardaway requested to appear before the board.

The board voted at its February 13, 2008 meeting defer any action in this matter until the next meeting to allow Rep. Hardaway an opportunity to personally appear before the board.

Rep. Hardaway contacted the Registry and requested that the board defer any action in this matter until the next meeting to allow him an opportunity to personally appear before the board.

Without objection, the board approved delaying any further action in this matter until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

08-04 John Tidwell, for failing to report two campaign expenses and failing to itemize expenses to several payees on his campaign financial disclosure reports. Class two (2), maximum ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) civil penalty. Rep. Tidwell has had no previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its February 13, 2008 meeting to issue Rep. Tidwell a show cause notice. Rep. Tidwell requested to appear before the board.

In addition to correcting the errors, Rep. Tidwell personally appeared before the board and explained his failure to report two campaign expenses and for failing to itemize expenses to several payees on his reports.

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

Cases Considered for Issuance of Show Cause Notice

Christopher Atkins, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), 14 days late, maximum three hundred fifty dollar (\$350) civil penalty. Mr. Atkins has had no previous matters before the board.

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

David Massengill, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), three days late, maximum seventy-five dollar (\$75) civil penalty. Mr. Massengill has had no previous matters before the board.

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

Buffalo PAC, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), 10 days late, maximum two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

Citizens for the Future of Memphis, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), two days late, maximum fifty dollar (\$50) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

Friends of Police PAC, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), six days late, maximum one hundred fifty dollar (\$150) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

Laborers Local 386 PAC, Citizens for the Future of Memphis, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), one day late, maximum twenty-five dollar (\$25) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

Preferred Health Partnership, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), one day late, maximum twenty-five dollar (\$25) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), two days late, maximum fifty dollar (\$50) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

Tennessee Common Sense PAC, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), six days late, maximum one hundred fifty dollar (\$150) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

Tennessee Respiratory Therapy PAC, for failure to timely file a 2007 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), one day late, maximum twenty-five dollar (\$25) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

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 2006/2007 fiscal year through January 31, 2008.

Executive Director's Report

Director Rawlins informed the board that the following individuals requested that the board defer any action in their cases until the April 9, 2008 meeting to allow them an opportunity to appear before the board:

Nick Clark, for exceeding the individual contribution limit to 11 candidates by using the ABC-ED PAC as a conduit. Class two (2), maximum ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) civil penalty per violation.

On motion by Murray, seconded by Heim, the board voted unanimously to issue Mr. Clark a show cause notice.

Nick Clark, for exceeding the contribution limit that an individual can give to all state and local candidates in total over a two (2) year election cycle. Class two (2), maximum ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) civil penalty.

On motion by Heim, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to issue Mr. Clark a show cause notice.

J. W. Gibson, for accepting contributions that exceeded the individual contribution limit per election. Class two (2), maximum ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) civil penalty.

Mr. Gibson accepted contributions from Nick Clark totaling \$41,500 (including a loan) for his primary and general election in 2006.

On motion by Heim, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to issue Mr. Gibson a show cause notice.

Other Business

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