

November 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Tennessee Registry of Election Finance ("TREF" or "the Registry") of the Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance ("BECF" or "the Bureau") met at approximately 9:45 AM on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the Knoxville Room of the WRS Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Nashville, TN 37243.

Chairman Tom Lawless presided over the meeting. Also attending the meeting were Board Members Curtis Johnson, David Golden, and Henry "Hank" Fincher. William "Paz" Haynes, III, was not present when the roll was called, but joined the meeting after the Registry adopted the minutes of the previous meeting.

Also present were Executive Director Bill Young, Assistant Director Lance Frizzell, Chief of Staff Janet Williams, Director of Audit Jay Moeck, and General Counsel J. Seth May. The meeting was open to the public and recorded via video and audio recording.

Director Young opened the meeting by noting that a physical quorum of the Registry members was present.

Member Golden moved to suspend the Registry's rules, seconded by Member Johnson. The vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Fincher moved to approve the minutes from the Registry's September 9, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Advisory Opinion Related to HB1073

The Registry addressed the request for an advisory opinion submitted by Benjamin "Ben" Gastel. Member Fincher moved to refer the request for an advisory opinion to Registry staff to issue an informal advisory opinion; Member Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sworn Complaint

The Registry addressed the sworn complaint submitted by Margaret Hubbard Kingsbury pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-10-108 against Gabrielle Hanson. Member Golden moved to issue a show cause notice in this matter, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed 4-0, Member Haynes abstained.

Show Cause Hearings and Issuance of Show Cause Notices

Registry staff reviewed relevant facts for the following show cause hearings prior to a Registry vote.

Show Cause Hearings

Amelia Pant, Case No. 25-60

Respondent appeared in-person. Member Fincher moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Cyr, Case No. 25-64

Respondent appeared in-person. Member Fincher moved to assess costs of \$250 against the Respondent. The motion passed unanimously.

Thomas J. Brooks, III, Case No. 25-63

Respondent appeared in-person. Member Fincher moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Haynes. The motion passed unanimously.

Show Cause Hearings - Failure to Provide Audit Records

Brian Carniello, Case No. 25-57; Charles (Charlie) Cooper, Case No. 25-58

These matters were considered together. Member Fincher moved to assess the maximum penalty of \$10,000 against each Respondent; to require each Respondent to provide all necessary documentation; and, that this matter be reviewed again at the Registry's January, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Show Cause Hearing - Civil Penalties

Million Myles 2 Dixie PAC, Case No. 25-84

Representative Vincent Dixie appeared on behalf of Respondent. Member Fincher moved to take no action, seconded by Member Haynes. The motion passed unanimously.

Persons Subject to Possible Issuance of Show Cause Notice

Tennessee Black Caucus

Representative Dixie appeared on behalf of the Respondent and waived notice of a show cause hearing. Member Golden moved to assess costs in the amount of \$250, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Show Cause Hearings for Consideration of Civil Penalty Order

Felicia Corbin-Johnson, Case No. 25-6

Member Haynes moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Webb, Case No. 25-80

Member Golden moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Fincher. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Frank, Case No. 25-67

Member Fincher moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Golden. The motion passed unanimously.

James Jones, Case No. 25-70

Member Johnson moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Dalia M. Price, Case No. 25-75

Member Fincher moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Golden. The motion passed unanimously.

Memphis Restaurant Association PAC (MRA PAC), Case No. 25-83

Director Young informed the Registry that he had spoken to representatives for Respondent. Initially representatives wished to appear in person, but Respondent's attorney advised that if the Registry's actions were limited to assessing costs to the Respondent, the Respondent did not oppose the show cause hearing moving forward in their absence. Member Golden moved to assess costs in the amount of \$300 against the Respondent, seconded by Member Fincher. The motion passed unanimously.

Amber ("Bennie") Taylor, Case No. 25-59

Member Fincher moved to take no action in this matter, including the cessation of the current audit, seconded by member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Kesa Fowler, Case No. 25-66

The Respondent appeared in-person. Director Bill Young explained that the Respondent was before the Registry in error and recommended that the matter be dismissed. Member Golden moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Haynes with the amendment to dismiss the show cause order previously entered. The motion passed unanimously. Director Young and Registry members apologized to Respondent for the error that initiated the matter.

TNSURG PAC, Case No. 25-61

Member Haynes abstained from consideration of this matter. Member Fincher moved to assess the maximum fine of \$650 to the Respondent, seconded by member Golden. The motion passed 4-0.

Duane Dominy, Case No. 25-65

Chairman Lawless abstained from consideration of this matter. Respondent appeared in-person. Member Fincher moved to take no action in this matter. Members Haynes, Fincher, and Johnson voted in favor of the motion; Member Golden voted against it. Given Chairman Lawless's abstention from voting, the motion failed. Member Fincher moved to assess costs in the amount of \$100 against the Respondent, seconded by Member Golden. The motion passed 4-0 with Member Lawless abstaining.

Memphis For All PAC, Case No. 25-82

Ben Gustel appeared as Respondent's representative and waived notice of the show cause hearing. Following the show cause hearing, Member Fincher moved to assess costs in the amount of \$250 against the Respondent, seconded by Member Golden. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Towns, Jr., Case No. 25-46

The Respondent was before the Registry for three discrete issues: 1) Show cause hearing for Case No. 25-46, for failure to submit a 3rd quarter report in 2024; 2) Issuance of a show cause notice for failure to provide corrections to a report, as requested by the Director of Audit; and, 3) Issuance of a show cause notice for failure to provide required bank statements.

Registry staff advised staff had attempted to contact the Respondent, but these attempts were unsuccessful. Member Haynes moved to consider the three matters together, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that while the matters could be discussed together, they could not all be consolidated into a single show cause hearing at the meeting since notices of a show cause hearing were not issued for the second and third matters.

Member Golden moved to assess costs in the amount of \$250 to the Respondent in Case No. 25-46, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Golden moved to issue show cause notices regarding the second and third matters, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Nucor Corporation PAC of Tennessee, Case No. 25-85

Member Haynes abstained from discussion of this matter. Member Golden moved to assess costs in the amount of \$750 to the Respondent, seconded by member Johnson. The motion passed 4-0.

Larhonda Williams, Case No. 25-81

Member Haynes moved to continue this matter to the Registry's next meeting, seconded by Member Golden. The motion passed unanimously.

Landmark Homes of Tennessee, Case No. 25-56

Member Golden moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Alexander Armor

Director Young reported that the Respondent was deceased. Member Golden moved to take no action in this matter, seconded by Member Fincher. The motion passed unanimously.

The cases listed below were all addressed in a single motion. Member Golden moved to assess a \$10,000 penalty against the following individuals in these cases, seconded by Member Fincher:

Sharon Lynne Gleason, Case No. 25-68

Cito V. Pellegra, Case No. 25-74

Eddie Johnson, Case No. 25-69

Terry S. Saine, Case No. 25-76

Jonathan Joy, Case No. 25-71

Adam Stallings, Case No. 25-77

J.J. King, Case No. 25-72

Russell Wayne Steele, Case No. 25-78

John W. Parrish, Case No. 25-73

The motion passed unanimously.

Eric Stewart, Case No. 25-79

Member Golden moved to continue this matter to the Registry's next meeting, seconded by Member Fincher. The motion passed unanimously.

Persons Subject to Possible Issuance of Show Cause Notice

The cases below were all addressed in a single motion. Member Golden moved to conduct show cause hearings for the following individuals, seconded by Member Fincher. The motion passed unanimously.

Edmund Ford, Jr.

Rural West Tennessee
Caucus

Keith D. Austin, II

Charlie Caswell, Jr.

Alex Boulton

Jerred Price

Eddie Johnson

Joe Brown

Cathy Anderson

Britney Chauncey

Davin Clemons	Sheleah Harris	Rick Rout
Joyce Dorse Coleman	Amber Huett-Garcia	Austin Rowe
Yolanda Cooper-Sutton	Danielle Huggins	Tamara Sawyer
Handel R. Durham, Jr.	Larry Hunter	Nicholas Scott
Wanda R. Faulkner	Kymerly Kelley	Jason Sharif
Roderic Ford	Meggan Kiel	Benji Smith
Edmund Ford, Sr.	Kenneth Lee	Christine Stephens
Chelsea Glass	Stephanie Love	Carla Jean Stotts
Janeen Gordon	Kawantias McNeary	Kristy Sullivan
Timothy Green, Jr.	Towanna Murphy	Britney Thornton
Althea Greene	Ozell Pace, Jr.	Pearl Eva Walker
Jaques Hamilton	Jarrett Parks	Scott Williams
Brian Harris	Dee Shawn Peoples	Jasmine Wilson
Darrick Harris	Rondanial Ransom	Lemichael Wilson
Darrick Dee Harris	Angela Rogers	
Eric Harris	Joshua Roman	

Update: Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credit for Meeting Attendance

Director Young informed the members of the Registry that those who are attorneys would receive 3 hours of general CLE credit and 1.5 ethics/dual CLE credit.

Pending Legislation and Rule Review Update

Director Young informed the Registry that the Registry's rules were now in effect. There was no recent or pending legislation to discuss.

Other Business

Faith Family and Freedom Fund

Member Haynes recused himself from consideration of this matter. Director Young discussed the necessity of enforcing the subpoena previously issued to Cade Cothren. Member Fincher moved to issue a show cause notice in this matter, seconded by Member Golden. The motion passed 4-0.

2026 Schedule

The Registry adopted the following meeting dates for 2026:

Jan. 22, 2026

March 31, 2026

May 12, 2026

July 21, 2026

September 15, 2026

November 17, 2026

No executive session was held, and the meeting was adjourned.