# NOVEMBER 17, 2022, MEETING MINUTES REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Registry of Election Finance ("the Registry" or "the Board") of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance ("the Bureau") met at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at the Cordell Hull Building, 425 Rep. John Lewis Way N., Nashville, in Senate Hearing Room 1.

Presiding over the meeting was Chairwoman Paige Burcham-Dennis. Attending the meeting were Board Members Tom Lawless, Tom Morton, David Golden, Hank Fincher, and Paz Haynes. Executive Director Bill Young, Assistant Director Lance Frizzell, and Chief of Staff Janet Williams also were in attendance. The meeting was open to the public. This meeting was recorded via video and audio recording.

Executive Director Young opened the meeting by noting that a physical quorum of the Registry members was present. Director Young noted that Case Nos. 22-33, 28-22 and 22-19 would be deferred and reset for the Registry's next scheduled meeting. Member Lawless moved to allow Members Fincher and Golden to participate by phone; that motion was seconded by Member Morton and was unanimously approved by voice vote (4-0). Member Lawless moved, and Member Morton seconded, a motion to take matters out of order to allow persons in attendance have their matters heard first on the Registry's docket. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote (6-0). Nonetheless, the minutes will reflect the matters in the order they were placed on the Registry's published agenda.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Morton moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Registry's previous September 7, 2022, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Lawless and unanimously approved by voice vote (6-0).

#### Settlement Offers

Anya Parker Settlement, Case No. 21-47: Director Young provided an overview of Ms. Parker's settlement proposal to resolve this matter by Ms. Parker paying the Registry \$2,000. After some discussion of the proposal among members, Member Golden moved to accept the proposal submitted by Ms. Parker. Member Morton seconded the motion, which was approved by a roll call vote of 5-0 with Member Lawless abstaining.

Winning Our Liberty PAC, Case No. 17-07: Director Young provided an overview of this PAC treasurer's proposal to settle this matter by the payment of \$1,000 and that the Registry had previously offered in March 2018 to settle this matter by the payment of \$2,500. Member Lawless made a motion to take no action on this proposal, which was seconded by Member Morton. The motion was unanimously approved (6-0).

# Show Cause Hearings

Martin Daniel, Case No. 22-30: Mr. Daniel personally appeared and addressed the Registry on this matter, and Director Young also advised the Registry of his interactions with Mr. Daniel on this matter. After some discussion, Member Lawless moved to assess a civil penalty of \$500. Member Morton seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 5-0 (at this point Member Fincher had been inadvertently dropped from the phone conference call and thus did not vote on this matter).

<u>Janika White, Case No. 22-35</u>: Ms. White personally appeared and addressed the Registry on this matter. After some discussion, Member Lawless moved to assess a \$250 civil penalty. Member Morton seconded this motion, and the motion was approved 5-0 (at this point Member Fincher had been inadvertently dropped from the phone conference call and thus did not vote on this matter).

<u>Williamson Business PAC, Case No. 22-26</u>: The PAC treasurer Clint McClain personally appeared and addressed the Registry on this matter. After an extensive discussion, Member Morton moved to assess a civil penalty of \$2900, which represented \$25 for each penalty day the filing required in this matter was late. Member Fincher seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 4-0. Members Lawless and Haynes recused themselves from hearing this matter due to potential conflicts of interest.

#### Statements Submitted

Andrew James Anderson (Greene County), Case No. 22-27: After a short discussion of the facts of this case, Member Lawless moved to assess a civil penalty of \$1475, which represented \$25 for each penalty day the filing required in this matter was late. Member Morton seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 6-0.

<u>Kasey Culbreath, Case No. 22-18</u>: After a short discussion, Member Morton moved and Member Lawless seconded a motion to assess a civil penalty of \$1600. After discussion, Member Morton withdrew this motion. Member Lawless then moved and Member Morton seconded a motion to assess a civil penalty of \$900. After discussion Member Lawless

amended his motion, seconded by Member Morton, to assess a civil penalty of \$250. That motion as amended was approved 5-0, with Member Haynes abstaining.

<u>Linda Harris, Case No. 22-21</u>: After a short discussion of the facts of this case, Member Haynes moved, and Member Golden seconded, a motion to take no action. After some discussion, Member Haynes amended his motion, seconded by Member Golden, to assess a civil penalty of \$250. The motion, as amended, was approved 6-0.

<u>Frank Mondelli (Davidson County), Case No. 22-32</u>: After a short discussion, Member Lawless moved to assess a civil penalty of \$250 to cover costs incurred by the Registry to enforce this matter. Member Morton seconded the motion, which was approved 4-1. Member Fincher voted no and Member Haynes abstained.

Andy Ogles (Maury County), Case No. 22-34: After a short discussion, Member Lawless moved to assess a civil penalty of \$525 in this matter. Member Morton seconded the motion, which was approved 5-1. Member Fincher voted no on this motion.

Anya Parker, Case No. 22-06: After a short discussion, Member Lawless moved to assess a civil penalty of \$10,000 which failed to receive a second. Member Lawless them moved to assess a civil penalty of \$7,000 which also failed to receive a second. After more discussion, Member Morton moved, and Member Haynes seconded, a motion to assess a civil penalty of \$2650. This motion was approved 5-1, with Member Golden voting no.

## Consideration of Civil Penalty Orders

<u>Curtis Carney, Case No. 22-28</u>: Member Morton moved to assess a civil penalty of \$10,000. Member Lawless seconded the motion, which was approved 5-0, with Member Haynes abstaining.

<u>Patricia Causey, Case No. 22-29</u>: Member Morton moved to assess a civil penalty of \$525. Member Lawless seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 6-0.

<u>Luvell Glanton, Case No. 22-31</u>: Mr. Glanton and his treasurer personally appeared before the Registry to address this matter. The Registry voted unanimously by voice vote 6-0 to combine this matter with Mr. Glanton's late filed 2022 Pre-Primary report, which was before the Registry on a possible show cause hearing. After some discussion, Member Lawless moved, and Member Golden seconded, a motion to assess a civil penalty of \$250 covering both matters. The motion was approved 6-0.

<u>Jonathan Hall (Davidson County), Case No. 22-20</u>: After a short recitation of the facts and circumstances of this case by Ms. Williams, Member Morton moved to assess a \$10,000 civil penalty. The motion was seconded by Member Lawless and approved 5-0, with Member Haynes abstaining.

<u>Katrina Robinson, Case No. 22-23</u>: Member Lawless moved to assess a civil penalty of \$10,000. Member Morton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 6-0.

<u>Lemichael P. Wilson, Case No. 22-24</u>: Member Lawless moved to assess a civil penalty of \$10,000. Member Morton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 6-0.

Robert Roger Young, Case No. 22-36. Member Lawless moved to assess a civil penalty of \$10,000. Member Morton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 6-0.

<u>Legacy PAC, Case Nos. 22-25 and 22-37</u>: Member Lawless moved to assess a civil penalty of \$10,000 in each case, for a total civil penalty of \$20,000. Member Morton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 6-0.

Montgomery County Democratic Executive Committee, Case No. 22-38: After some discussion, Member Morton moved and Member Lawless seconded a motion to assess a civil penalty of \$250. After further discussion, Member Lawless withdrew his second. Member Morton then amended his motion, seconded by Member Fincher, to assess a civil penalty of \$500. That motion was approved 5-1, with Member Fincher voting no.

# Persons Subject to Possible Issuance of Show Cause Notice

Member Morton moved to take the following actions in each of the following matters:

Khadija Babb (two cases) Issue Show Cause Barry Barlow (two cases) Take No Action Issue Show Cause Daniel Berry (Coffee Co.) (two cases) A. Melissa Boyd Take No Action James (Mike) Brewer (two cases) Issue Show Cause Curtis Carney Issue Show Cause Issue Show Cause Patricia Causey R. Deno Cole Issue Show Cause J.B. Cox Take No Action Charles E. (Pete) Drew Take No Action

Jeff Eby Take No Action Israel Farless Take No Action Tonike S. Harris Issue Show Cause Take No Action Keeda Haynes Ronnie Henleyr Take No Action Issue Shoe Cause London Lamar (House) Issue Show Cause Basil Marceaux Michael S. Pemberton Take No Action Tim Roberts Issue Show Cause Katrina Robinson Issue Show Cause Issue Show Cause Marcus Shute. Jr. Take No Action Eric Stewart Marion LaTroy A. Williams, Jr. Take No Action

(2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report)

Marion LaTroy A. Williams, Jr. Issue Show Cause

(2022 Pre-Primary Report)

Morgan Woodberry
Anderson County Republican Party
Conservative Voice for Life PAC
Dickson Co. Democratic Party
Legacy PAC
We Are Ready Nashville PAC
Take No Action
Issue Show Cause
Issue Show Cause

(2022 Pre-Primary Report)

We Are Ready Nashville PAC Take No Action

(2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report)

Member Lawless seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved 6-0.

Member Haynes abstained with respect to the case of Keeda Haynes.

With respect to Joe Towns, Jr., after some discussion Member Lawless made a motion, seconded by Member Haynes, to issue a show cause notice. This motion was approved 5-1, with Member Fincher voting no..

## Audit Update of Gary Humble

Director Young advised that, after correspondence with Mr. Humble's attorney, the Humble audit had been delayed until February 8, 2023.

# Discussion of Outsourcing Collection of Unpaid Civil Penalties

Director Young advised the Tennessee Attorney General's Office had requested this discussion be deferred until the Registry's next scheduled meeting. The Registry unanimously concurred with this deferral.

#### Discussion of Guidelines for the Assessment of Civil Penalties

Director Young advised Member Morton would review the proposed guidelines and report back to the Registry at the Registry's next scheduled meeting.

# **Discussion of Interim Report Filings**

Director Young advised the Registry staff is reviewing all candidate and political campaign committee 2022 third quarter filings to determine whether any candidate or political campaign committee failed to file the interim reports for the August 2022 election that are now required by Public Law 1087. Registry staff will report its findings to the Registry at the Registry's next scheduled meeting.

## Set date of Registry Board's next meeting

After a brief discussion, the Registry's next meeting was set to be scheduled for January 19, 2023, at 10:00 AM CST. The location of the meeting will be determined based on conference room availability.

#### Other Business

The Registry unanimously elected its new Chair as Member Morton and its new Secretary as Member Fincher, effective for the next meeting of the Registry. The Registry recognized and thanked Chair Burcham Dennis for her excellent and dedicated service during 2022.

#### **Executive Session**

After the conclusion of the Agenda, the Members moved into Executive Session to hear from the Executive Director regarding confidential matters. This portion of the meeting was not recorded, and members of the public were not permitted to remain in the room.

After conclusion of the Executive Session, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote.