

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Blaize McMongale

Case No.: FEC 20-457

TO: Blaize McMongale
755 Monroe Road, Unit 470738
Lake Monroe, FL 32747

Seminole County SOE
1500 East Airport Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32773

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 25, 2021, at 8:30 am EST**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, **9-Digit Webinar ID 640938187** or via **teleconference by dialing (866) 901-6455** and entering the **meeting access code 278040912**, when prompted. **If you wish to speak before the Commission, you will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely.** Please be advised that the Commission will consider multiple cases, so you will need to wait until your case is considered. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at (850) 922-4539.

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will **not** be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 10, 2021

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.



Florida Elections Commission

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Commission Meeting May 25, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the May 25, 2021, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

- A. GoToWebinar – Remote Video Conferencing
 1. Open your web browser and search GoToWebinar or enter www.gotowebinar.com.
 2. Select "Join" in the upper right corner of the website.
 3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 640938187 and your email address.
 4. Register your name and email address.
 5. You will automatically join the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to utilize their webcam.

- B. OpenVoice - Teleconference
 1. Call 1-866-901-6455
 2. Enter Access Code 278-040-912
 3. You will automatically join the meeting as an **Attendee**. Attendees are muted.

While this is a public meeting and advanced registration is not mandatory, we ask that if you plan to attend via Video Conference or Teleconference, that you notify our office in advance. This will give the Commission the opportunity to organize the agenda as efficiently as possible. It will be the goal of the Commission to hear cases in which parties are present, first, in order to reduce the standby time of the parties in attendance.

You can call or email our office of your intent to participate or of any questions you may have regarding this meeting. Please provide the case number(s) of interest, when contacting our office.

Thank you,

Commission Staff

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC 20-457

NAME: **BLAIZE MCMONGALE**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 10/07/2020

DATE REPORT DUE: 09/04/2020 (2020 G1)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 09/05/2020

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 1

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$50.00

FINE BASED ON: (X) NUMBER OF DAYS () 25% OF RECEIPTS () 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$239.80

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 09/08/2020 (Fine Ltr)

CANDIDATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STATE <input type="checkbox"/>
PC <input type="checkbox"/>	DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/>
CCE <input type="checkbox"/>	COUNTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
POLITICAL PARTY <input type="checkbox"/>	CITY <input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY: Blaize McMonagle was a candidate for Seminole County Commission, District 5 in the 2020 elections. Mr. McMonagle was his own treasurer.

Blaize McMonagle is appealing the fine claiming that he was unable to file timely due to technical issues with his internet and computer. According to Mr. McMonagle, the issue was resolved the following day, and the report was filed a few hours after the deadline.

- The 2020 G1 Original Report covers the period from 08/14/20-08/28/20; it was due on 09/04/20.
- The 2020 G1 Original Report shows that it was filed on 09/05/20 at approximately 11:16pm.
- Blaize McMonagle reported receiving zero contributions while making 1 expenditure.
- The Seminole County Supervisor of Elections office does not have any notes that pertain to Blaize McMonagle's 2020 G1 report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

Florida Elections Commission
107 W. Gaines St
Collins Building Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Regarding: Appeal of disputed fine

Dear Elections Commission,

Please accept this appeal of the \$50 fine assessed by Seminole County for 1 day late filing.

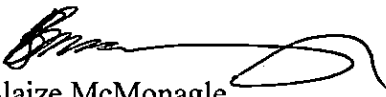
I was unable to provide timely reporting due to technical difficulties with my internet connection and computer related issues.

This was resolved the following day and the report was essentially only a few hours outside of the filing deadline.

Attached is a copy of the notice of fine assessment from the county.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Blaize McMonagle

755 Monroe Rd Unit 470738
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-0738

Tel: (407) 346-4997



CHRIS ANDERSON SEMINOLE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

1500 EAST AIRPORT BLVD, SANFORD, FL 32773

MAIN OFFICE PHONE: 407-585-VOTE (8683) | GENERAL FAX: 407-708-7705

September 8, 2020

Mr. Blaize McMongale
755 Monroe Rd Unit 470738
Lake Monroe FL 32747-0738

Dear Blaize:

Your Campaign Treasurer's Report which was due on September 4, 2020, was received on September 5, 2020. Pursuant to Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, you are subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day; however, the fine may not exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.


The records reflect that this report was received on September 5, 2020; therefore, you are hereby assessed a fine of \$50.

Said fine must be made payable to Seminole County and paid to this office within 20 days of receipt of this notice, unless appeal is made to the Florida Elections Commission. Please note that, as a candidate, the fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds.

Section 106.07(8)(c), Florida Statutes, provides that you may appeal or dispute the assessed fine by submitting a notice of appeal in writing to the Florida Elections Commission within 20 days of the date of receipt of the notice of payment due, setting out with specificity the unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, which may be accompanied by any evidence supporting the claim. Failure to timely file such a notice constitutes a waiver of such entitlement. If a hearing before the commission is desired, such a hearing request must be included in the notice of appeal. If no request for a hearing is included, the commission's determination shall be based on the notice and any supporting evidence. If a separate request for a hearing is included in the notice, a hearing shall be provided.

Your request for an appeal or hearing should be sent to the Florida Elections Commission, 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050.

Sincerely,


Christopher Anderson
Supervisor of Elections



Charlene Pike <pike@voteseminole.org>

Re: G4 Report - Late Notice

1 message

Charlene Pike <pike@voteseminole.org>

Sat, Oct 10, 2020 at 6:12 PM

To: Blaize McMonagle <blaize.mcmonagle@gmail.com>

If you would like to file an appeal it may be done with the Elections Commission. There information is included in the letter once the fine is assessed.

Charlene Pike

Chief Administrative Officer

Representing Chris Anderson | Seminole County Supervisor of Elections

407-708-7706

www.voteseminole.orgwww.votoseminole.org**CHRIS ANDERSON**
SEMINOLE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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On Sat, Oct 10, 2020 at 6:02 PM Blaize McMonagle <blaize.mcmonagle@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you Charlene. I will file this evening. I've had a rough week at my regular job as Director of Rehab for a nursing home. Lots of new admissions and covid related issues to deal with.

The filing was not on the forefront of my thoughts.

I would like to appeal the fine if possible.

Thank you

On Sat, Oct 10, 2020, 5:06 PM Charlene Pike <pike@voteseminole.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

The G4 report listed below was due Friday, October 9, 2020 has not been filed.

G4 (9/26/2020 - 10/2/2020) 10/9/2020

As noted below, there are fairly severe fines associated with failing to complete and file accurate campaign reports.

Penalty for Late Filing

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports due immediately prior to the primary and general elections, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

(Section 106.07(8), Fla. Stat.)

Please let me know if you have any questions or I may be of assistance.

Charlene Pike

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Blaize McMonagle
 Name
 (2) 755 Monroe Rd Unit 470738
 Address (number and street)
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-0738
 City, State, Zip Code

OFFICE USE ONLY
 ONLINE SUBMISSION
 [1229476]
 Submitted on:
 9/5/2020 23:16:13 (eastern)

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 501

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate Office Sought: County Commissioner, District 5
- Political Committee (PC)
- Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
- Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
- Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 8 / 14 / 2020 To 8 / 28 / 2020 Report Type: G1

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 0 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 239 . 80

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 239 . 80

(8) Other Distributions
 \$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date
 \$, , 1 , 825 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date
 \$, , 607 . 36

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) _____
 Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

(Type name) _____
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Blaise McMonagle (2) I.D. Number 501

8/14/2020 through 8/28/2020

(3) Cover Period ____ / ____ / ____ through ____ / ____ / ____ (4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation				
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Blaize McMonagle

(2) I.D. Number 501

8/14/2020 through 8/28/2020

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
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Seminole County Supervisor of Elections

Report	Candidate name	Due Date	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fines
M11	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	12/10/2019	12/10/2019	On Time		
M12	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	1/10/2020	1/8/2020	On Time		
M1	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	2/10/2020	2/3/2020	On Time		
M2	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	3/10/2020	3/3/2020	On Time		
M3	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	4/10/2020	4/10/2020	On Time		
M4	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	5/11/2020	5/8/2020	On Time		
M5	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	6/10/2020	6/10/2020	On Time		
P1	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	6/19/2020	6/16/2020	On Time		
P2	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	7/3/2020	7/4/2020	Late	1	Waiver
P3	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	7/17/2020	7/17/2020	On Tim		
P4	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	7/24/2020	7/24/2020	On Time		
P5	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	7/31/2020	7/31/2020	On Time		
P6	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	8/7/2020	8/8/2020	Late	1	Waiver
P7	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	8/14/2020	8/14/2020	On Time		
G1	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	9/4/2020	9/5/2020	Late	1	\$50.00
G2	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	9/18/2020	9/18/2020	On Time		
G3	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	10/2/2020	10/2/2020	On Time		
G4	McMonagle, Blaize - County Commissioner, District 5	10/9/2020	10/10/2020	Late	1	Waiver

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

SEMINOLE CO. FL
2020 JUN 11 PM 3:20

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)
Blaize Lawrence McMonagle

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

755 Monroe Rd Unit 470738
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-0738

4. Telephone
(407) 792-4552

5. E-mail address
campaign@blaize4seminole.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)
Seminole County Commission District 5

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:
 My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation _____ Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
Blaize McMonagle

11. Mailing Address 755 Monroe Rd Unit 470738

12. Telephone
(407) 792-4552

13. City Lake Monroe

14. County Seminole

15. State FL

16. Zip Code 32747-0738

17. E-mail address
campaign@blaize4seminole.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank
Centennial Bank

20. Address
970 Rinehart Rd

21. City Lake Mary

22. County Seminole

23. State FL

24. Zip Code 32746

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date
6-10-2020

26. Signature of Candidate



27. **Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment** (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Blaize McMonagle, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

6-10-2020

Date



Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

FLORIDA
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
SEMINOLE CO., FL

2019 NOV 25 PM 3:47

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Initial Filing of Form

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Blaize Lawrence McMonagle

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

755 Monroe Rd
Unit 470738
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-0738

4. Telephone

(407) 346 4997

5. E-mail address

blaize.mcmnagle@gmail.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

County Commissioner, District 5

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation Republican Party candidate.

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10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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12. Telephone

(407) 346 4997

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Lake Monroe

14. County

Seminole

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

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Seminole

23. State

FL

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32746

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25. Date

11/20/19

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)


I, Blaize McMonagle, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

11/20/19

Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer