#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# In Re: Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida PAC

TO: Natalie Kato, Esquire Lewis Longman & Walker 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 830 Tallahassee, FL 32301-2301 Case No.: FEC 17-289

Division of Elections 500 S Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, March 13, 2018 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room 103, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

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Executive Director Florida Elections Commission February 26, 2018 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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STATE OF FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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In Re: Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida PAC

Case No.: FEC 17-289

#### **ORDER CONTINUING CASE**

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its

regularly scheduled meeting on November 28, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Respondent filed a Motion to Continue.

The Commission reviewed Respondent's Motion and considered Staff's Response.

Respondent's Motion was GRANTED.

THIS MATTER is continued until the next available meeting of the Florida Elections

Commission.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on November 28, 2017.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Cole H. Kekelis, Assistant General Counsel Natalie A. Kato, Esq., Attorney for Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant



Please find the notice of continuance for FEC 17-289 Natalie Kato to: 'fec@myfloridalegal.com' 11/22/2017 12:50 PM Hide Details From: Natalie Kato <nkato@llw-law.com> To: "'fec@myfloridalegal.com'" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

1 Attachment

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Thank you.

11/22/2017

#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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#### MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AWARENESS OF FLORIDA PAC respectfully moves for a continuation of the November 28, 2017 hearing in this matter and states in support:

- 1. This matter is scheduled for a November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 hearing before the board.
- 2. The undersigned counsel is unavailable on November 28<sup>th</sup> as she has previous commitments in Orlando on another client matter.
- 3. This motion is filed in good faith and is not for the purpose of delay.

WHEREFORE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AWARENESS OF FLORIDA PAC respectfully requests that the November 28, 2017 hearing be continued.

LEWIS LONGMAN & WALKER, P.A. 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 830 Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 222-5702 Email: nkato@llw-law.com

NATALIE A. KATO

Fla Bar. No. 87256

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Notice of Appearance for FEC 17-290 and FEC 17-289 Natalie Kato to: 'fec@myfloridalegal.com' 11/22/2017 12:38 PM **Hide Details** From: Natalie Kato <nkato@llw-law.com> To: "'fec@myfloridalegal.com'" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

2 Attachments

Substance Abuse Notice of Appearance signed (00904845xBA9D6).pdf

Signed Behavioral Health NOA (00904842xBA9D6).pdf

#### Hello,

Please find attached my notice of appearance in FEC 17-290 and 17-289

#### Natalie Kato | Associate

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## STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Case No.: FEC 17-289

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#### NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

The undersigned law firm of LEWIS LONGMAN & WALKER, P.A. hereby enters its appearance as counsel of record for BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AWARENESS OF FLORIDA in the above matter. The undersigned counsel requests that copies of all pleadings, motions, orders, and other papers in this action be served on the undersigned.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served via email on this 22<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017 to Natalie A. Kato, General Counsel, 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 830, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301 and via nkato@llw-law.com.

> LEWIS LONGMAN & WALKER, P.A. 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 830 Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 222-5702 Email: nkato@llw-law.com

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<u>Amy McKeever Toman</u>

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 13, 2017

#### **Cole Kekelis**

From:	Natalie Kato <nkato@llw-law.com></nkato@llw-law.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, February 06, 2018 11:09 AM
To:	Cole Kekelis
Subject:	Re: FEC 17-289 & 17-290 – Auto Fine Appeals
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#### Hi Cole,

I have spoken with my client. Both of these reports were filed late because these were special-election reports and when they were due my client was in the midst of staffing issues which led to the filings falling through the cracks. We would be happy to pay a fine of \$100 for each committee to rectify this issue.

#### Natalie

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 29, 2018, at 1:23 PM, Cole Kekelis <Cole.Kekelis@myfloridalegal.com<mailto:Cole.Kekelis@myfloridalegal.com>> wrote:

Natalie Kato:

You are the listed representative in the above-two automatic fine appeals with the Florida Elections Commission (FEC) relative to Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida PAC (17-289) and Substance Abuse Awareness of Florida PAC (17-290) At the November Commission meeting, consideration of both appeals was continued to the upcoming March Commission meeting.

In review of the files in these two cases, no reasons were ever provided as to why the reports at issue were late or why the fines should be waived/reduced.

For each case, please provide information regarding those issues so that it can be provided to the Commissioners in advance of the meeting.

Please provide the requested information to me by February 6, 2018.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me or call me at 850-922-4539, ext. 106. Sincerely,

Cole Kekelis

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# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION CASE REPORT Case Number: FEC-17-289

#### NAME: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AWARENESS OF FLORIDA PAC

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 08/16/17

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 07/21/17 (2017 SP2)

**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT:** 07/24/17

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 07/24/17

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 3

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$250.00

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

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0** 

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,000.00** 

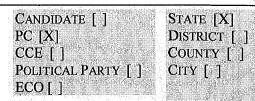
**DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS SENT: 07/28/17** 

**SUMMARY:** Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair and treasurer is Mr. Neal McGarry.

The PC is appealing the fine and is not claiming any unusual circumstances. Mr. McGarry stated, "Neal McGarry, as Chairman of the above-referenced political committee, hereby requests a hearing on this matter before the Florida Elections Commission and any other relief the Commission deems appropriate."

- The 2017 SP2 Report covers the time period from 06/09/17 through 07/20/17.
- The 2017 SP2 Queued-Transactions Report reflects that this report was created on 07/10/17 at approximately 8:37 pm, before being filed on 07/24/17 at approximately 2:42 pm.
- In an e-mail dated 09/05/17, Ms. Kristi Willis advised commission staff that when a special election has been called, the Division sends out a memo to PCs via the e-mail system, advising that a special election has been called and providing dates and information for filing special election reports. The information is also posted on the Division's website. In addition, the Division also sends out a report reminder to all PCs regarding special election reports, if the PC has provided an e-mail address in order to receive the reminder.
- The PC has provided the Division an e-mail address, in order to receive the reminders.

**PRIOR CASES:** This PC has been involved in one prior appeal of an automatic-fine and one investigation. In the matter of FEC 14-013, the Commission found unusual circumstances and waived the fine. In the matter of FEC 15-145, there was alleged violations of 106.07(7) and the Commission approved a Consent Order with a civil penalty of \$500.00.



#### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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IN RE: Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida PAC 61020

#### APPEAL OF FINES IMPOSED BY FILING OFFICERS

**COMES NOW,** Neal McGarry, Chairman of the Substance Abuse Awareness of Florida Political Committee, PAC 61020 hereby appeals the fine imposed pursuant to Section 106.04(8) or 106.07(8) and states as follows:

- 1. That Neal McGarry is the Chairman of the Substance Abuse Awareness of Florida Political Committee whose address is located at 1715 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee, FL 32301-2301, and whose phone number is 850-222-6314; and
- 2. A copy of the notice of imposition of fines issued by the hearing officer is attached.

Neal McGarry, as Chairman of the above-referenced political committee, hereby requests a hearing on this matter before the Florida Elections Commission and any other relief the Commission deems appropriate.

Submitted this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2017

Neal McGarry Chairman Substance Abuse Awareness of Florida 1715 South Gadsden St, Tallahassee, FL 32301-2301 (850)222-6314

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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Ken Detzner Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 28, 2017

Neal McGarry, Treasurer Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida 1715 South Gadsden Street Tallahassee, FL 32301-2301

Special Election Report

PAC 61020

Dear Mr. McGarry:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on July 21, 2017, was filed on July 24, 2017. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$250.00.

You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

Florida Division of Elections R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely, ind Willis

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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# Queued Items for 2017-SP2

# Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida

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File Pending Report	Processing Complete	61020	7/24/2017 2:42:00 PM	7/24/2017 2:42:01 PM

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FEC - Candidate/Committee Filing History Report

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# Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

#### **Florida Election System Reports**

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# M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Political Parties, Affiliated Party Committees, Political Committees, and Electioneering Communication Organizations

FROM: Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

**DATE:** May 10, 2017

SUBJECT: Special Election - State Senate, District 40

A special election has been called for the office of State Senate, District 40. The special primary election for this race is scheduled for July 25, 2017. The special election for this race is scheduled for September 26, 2017.

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees, electioneering communication organizations, political parties and affiliated party committees <u>making</u> contributions or expenditures to influence the results of such special election shall file campaign treasurer's reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State.

Committees or organizations are required to file special election campaign treasurer's reports <u>only</u> if the committee or organization makes a contribution to a special election candidate during the special election reporting periods (see chart on next page) or makes an expenditure to influence the results of the special election.

Please note that activities reported on special election reports are only expenditures that are made to influence the results of the special election. <u>All other activity (e.g., contributions) is</u> reported on the appropriate campaign treasurer's report.

Once a committee or organization has participated in the special election and has filed a special election campaign report, all remaining special election reports must be filed even if there is no further special election activity. If there is no further activity, a waiver must be filed.

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All reports must be filed through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) not later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by this time are late filed and subject to the penalties in Sections 106.07(8) and 106.29, Florida Statutes.

In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

The campaign reporting schedule for this special election is as follows:

<u>Report</u>	Due Date	Covered Period
SP1	06-12-17	05-08-17 - 06-08-17
SP2	07-21-17	06-09-17 - 07-20-17
SG1	08-23-17	07-21-17 - 08-18-17
SG2	09-22-17	08-19-17 - 09-21-17

Please contact our office at (850) 245-6280 if you have any questions.

KRB/mcc

RE: Home Care PAC - 60864

Willis, Kristi R. to Cole Kekelis 10/25/2017 02:18 PM Hide Details From: "Willis, Kristi R." <Kristi Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com> To: Cole Kekelis <Cole Kekelis@myfloridalegal.com> History: This message has been forwarded.

2 Attachments

Email Log - S40 special election xls Memo - Committees.pdf

The email is done through a program so I do not have a "copy of the email" that goes out.

Here is an excerpt from the log showing that an email was sent:

DSBrown		Report Reminders	2017,115,6/12/2017;	Report Reminder		
		General Information Memos	ECO,PAC,PTY	Special Election - Senate 40 / House 116	Select file attachment	
krbronson	5/11/2017 12:05:02 AM	Untimely Filings	2017,14,5/10/2017;	2017 M4 - Late Report		

I have attached a copy of the memo that was attached to the email.

I have attached also a spreadsheet that is generated by the program that lists the entities that were sent the memo. I have highlighted the entry for PC 60864.

The body of the email provided:

Please review the attached memoranda regarding the special elections that have been called for the offices of State Representative, District 116, and Senate, District 40.

Additional information can be found at the following link on the Division's website:

http://dos.myfiorida.com/elections/for-voters/special-elections/

Please contact our office at (850) 245-6280 if you have any questions.

If you need additional information, please let me know.

From: Cole Kekelis [mailto:Cole.Kekelis@myfloridalegal.com] Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:54 PM To: Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com> Subject: Home Care PAC - 60864

Ms. Willis:

Previously, you sent our office a sample memorandum regarding special election reporting dates that is emailed to PACs when special elections are called.

Could you please forward me a copy of such an email that was sent to the above PAC regarding a special election for which the PAC had to file a 2017 SP1 report?

This relates to an auto fine appeal with regard to the 2017 SP1 report.

Thanks,

Cole Kekelis FEC

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10/26/2017

AcctType	AcctNum	email	sentDate	SentStatus
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PAC	61020	dphillips@flcertificationboard.org	12:03	ОК



RE: Question RE: Special Election Reports Willis, Kristi R. to: Samantha Spore 09/21/2017 11:55 AM Hide Details From: "Willis, Kristi R." <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com> To: Samantha Spore <Samantha.Spore@myfloridalegal.com>

Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida PAC (Acct # 61020) yes

Substance Abuse Awareness of Florida PAC (Acct # 61021) yes

From: Samantha Spore [mailto:Samantha.Spore@myfloridalegal.com] Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:17 AM To: Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com> Subject: RE: Question RE: Special Election Reports

That is what I thought. Is it something that your office would be able to find? I have been asked to see if the following PCs have registered their e-mail addresses:

Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida PAC (Acct # 61020) Substance Abuse Awareness of Florida PAC (Acct # 61021)

If not, that's okay! I appreciate your time! Samantha

<sup>w</sup> "Willis, Kristi R." ---09/21/2017 09:58:17 AM---There is no way for you to check. From: Samantha Spore [mailto:Samantha.Spore@myfloridalegal.com]

From: "Willis, Kristi R." <<u>Kristi, Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com</u>> To: Samantha Spore <<u>Samantha.Spore@myfloridalegal.com</u>> Date: 09/21/2017 09:58 AM Subject: RE: Question RE: Special Election Reports

There is no way for you to check.

From: Samantha Spore [mailto:Samantha.Spore@myfloridalegal.com] Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:37 AM To: Willis, Kristi R. <<u>Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com</u>> Subject: Question RE: Special Election Reports

Good morning!

If this is a dumb question, I apologize.

file:///C:/Users/spores/AppData/Local/Temp/notes5D3EFE/~web1366.htm

Is there a way for me to personally check and see if a PC has submitted an e-mail address into the EFS, so that they can get the reminders regarding the special elections? Or would I need to send an e-mail when trying to find out this information?

Thank you for your patience and help! Samantha

#### Samantha Spore

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# Campaign Expenditures Behavioral Health Awareness of Florida

This information is being provided as a convenience to the public, has been processed by the Division of Elections and should be cross referenced with the original report on file with the Division of Elections in case of questions. About the Campaign Finance Data Base

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Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

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