

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: FLORIDA FAMILY TEAM,  
RESPONDENT.**

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**Case No.: FEC 11-261**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE**

<b>TO:</b> Melinda Piller, Treasurer Florida Family Team 3907 Dunleer Court Tallahassee, FL 32309	Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on **February 21, 2012**, at **8:30 a.m.** or thereafter as the parties can be heard, the Florida Elections Commission will consider the Respondent's appeal of the automatic fine imposed by the filing officer. The Commission will meet at: **City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 300 S. Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida.**

Although you did not request a hearing, this notice is to inform you that your case will be discussed at the meeting taking place on the above date and place. All documents you want the Commission to consider must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 48 hours before the hearing.

**PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.**

Dated on January 19, 2012.



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Rosanna Catalano  
Executive Director

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HEARING ON APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE

Please be advised that other cases have been scheduled for the same time. Therefore, your case may not be called exactly at the time set forth on this notice.

At the automatic fine hearing, the Florida Elections Commission will decide whether Respondent's campaign treasurers report was timely filed or whether there were unusual circumstances that excuse his failure to timely file his report.

Rule 2B-1.0055, *Florida Administrative Code*, defines **unusual circumstances** as "uncommon, rare or sudden events over which the actor has no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements. Circumstances which allow for time in which to take those steps necessary to assure compliance with the filing requirement shall be deemed not to constitute unusual circumstances."

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.07(8)(c), *Florida Statutes*, if Respondent is a candidate, a political committee, or an electioneering communications organization; Section 106.04(8)(c), *Florida Statutes*, if Respondent is a committee of continuous existence; or Section 106.29(3)(c), *Florida Statutes*, if Respondent is a political party; and Commission Rules 2B-1.005, 1.0052, & 1.0055, *Florida Administrative Code*.

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.

Before making a decision, the Commission will review the written documents submitted by Respondent and staff at least ten days before the hearing and the information presented at the hearing. Rule 2B-1.005, *Florida Administrative Code*, provides that unless good cause is shown, the Commission will not consider any written document unless it has been filed with the Commission Clerk at least ten days before the hearing.

When the case is called, the Chair will read a brief statement and may ask the Respondent and his attorney, if one is present, to state their names for the record. Respondent will then have time to present his case to the Commission. Witnesses may be called to testify under oath on Respondent's behalf. If Respondent calls witnesses, the staff attorney may cross-examine those witnesses after Respondent's questioning is finished. After Respondent's presentation, staff will have the same amount of time to present its case. If the staff attorney calls witnesses, Respondent may cross-examine those witnesses after staff's questioning is finished.

At any time during the presentations the Commissioners may ask questions of Respondent, his attorney, the witnesses, and staff. After the presentations are concluded, the Commissioners will discuss the case and decide whether Respondent's report was timely filed or whether there were unusual circumstances that excuse his failure to file timely his report. The Commission will make a decision by a majority vote of those members present and voting.

After the Commission meeting, the Commission will send Respondent a written order reflecting the Commission's decision. If the Commission upholds the fine, Respondent will have 30 days to pay the fine.

**If you have any questions about the procedures for the hearing, please contact Donna Malphurs at 107 W. Gaines Street Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050, phone number: (850) 922-4539.**

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
CASE REPORT**

**Case Number: FEC-11-261**

**NAME:** FLORIDA FAMILY TEAM (T-EDUCATION ADVOCACY MOVEMENT)

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 11/7/11

**DATE HEARD BY FEC:** 2/21/12

**DATE HEARING REQUEST RECEIVED:** n/a

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 10/11/11 (2011 Q3)

**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT:** 10/13/11

**DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT:** 10/13/11

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 2

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$25.00

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

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$100.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$0.00

**DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED:** Failure to file letter dated 10/12/11

**SUMMARY:** Florida Family Team (T-Education Advocacy Movement) is a committee of continuous existence (CCE) registered with the State of Florida. The CCE's chair and treasurer is Melinda Piller.

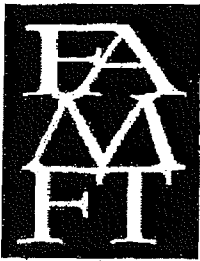
Ms. Piller is appealing the fine claiming that she was unaware of the reporting date. According to Ms. Piller, she had just been appointed as the new treasurer and had not received notice of the report due date.

Documents from the Division of Elections reflect that Ms. Piller's appointment as chair and treasurer of the CCE was filed on 9/21/11. On 9/22/11, Ms. Kristi Reid-Bronson of the Division sent Ms. Piller a letter acknowledging her appointment and advising her that all of the Division's publications, including the Calendar of Reporting Dates, were available on the Division's website.

**PRIOR CASES:** This CCE has not had any prior cases before the Commission.

CANDIDATE [ ]	STATE [ x ]
PC [ ]	DISTRICT [ ]
CCE [ x ]	COUNTY [ ]
POLITICAL PARTY [ ]	CITY [ ]
ECO [ ]	

<b>FEC ACTION:</b>	FINE DUE: \$ _____	DATE: _____
TIMELY FILED: YES _____ NO _____	UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES: YES _____ NO _____	
WAIVER: PARTIAL _____ FULL _____	FINE INCORRECTLY CALCULATED: YES _____ NO _____	
UC REASON: _____		INITIALS: _____



2888-1 Mahan Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections

October 24, 2011

Re: Florida Family Team (T-Education Advocacy Movement)

Dear Sir:

Please consider this letter an official notice of appeal regarding the fine rendered to the Florida Family Team Committee of Continues Existence. I have recently taken over the committee for the Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and was unaware of the reporting date. Unfortunately, the calendar of reporting dates and reminder email had been forwarded to the president of the organization, who lives in Broward County and who has nothing to do with the committee reporting.

I believe the reason I was caught off guard is that I had just been confirmed as the new treasurer and was not on the mailing list for reporting purposes. I called the Bureau of Elections the day I received the notice, filed my report that afternoon, received the calendar and reporting directions from Ms. Theresa Holdeen in your records office, and am now on the email list.

I am asking for a waiver considering the circumstances, and would appreciate your assistance in this matter. I became the treasurer as a volunteer and commit to you that I will faithfully fulfill my responsibilities in a timely manner in all future reporting cycles. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 850 545-8484, anytime.

Sincerely,

Melinda Piller

CC: Bureau of Election Records

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2011 OCT 25 AM 10:50  
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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ELECTIONS COMMISSION



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**Kurt S. Browning**  
Secretary of State  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 17, 2011

Ms. Melinda Piller, Treasurer  
Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement)  
3907 Dunleer Court  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Dear Ms. Piller:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due October 11, 2011, was not filed until October 13, 2011. Accordingly, you are fined in the amount of \$25.00. The fine must be paid to the Division of Elections within 20 days of receipt of this notice unless appealed to the Florida Elections Commission.

If you wish to appeal the fine, you must submit a notice of appeal to the Commission within 20 days of the date of the receipt of this notice. (See Rules 2B-1.005, 2B-1.0052 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code.) The Florida Elections Commission's address is 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0100.

Please send a copy of your notice of appeal to the Bureau of Election Records at the address listed below. If you have any questions, please contact us at (850) 245-6240.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Kurt S. Browning**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 12, 2011

Ms. Melinda Piller, Treasurer  
Florida Family Team (F - Education Advocacy Movement)  
3907 Dunleer Court  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Dear Ms. Piller:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due October 11, 2011, has not been received.

Section 106.04(8)(a), Florida Statutes, requires that the filing officer immediately notify you of the failure to file this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days a report is late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Once your report is filed, this office will notify you of the specific amount of your fine. Fines must be paid to the filing officer within 20 days of receipt of the payment due notice.

Please be advised, however, that failure to file a campaign treasurer's report may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, independent of the automatic fine violation referenced above. Therefore, if you fail to file a report, the division will turn the matter over to the Florida Elections Commission.

Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count for each willful violation of Chapter 106.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Theresa Holdeen at (850)245-6250.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KURT S. BROWNING**  
Secretary of State

September 22, 2011

Ms. Melinda Piller, Chairperson  
Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement) (41727)  
3907 Dunleer Court  
Tallahassee, Florida 32309

Dear Ms. Piller:

Your appointment as chairperson and treasurer for **Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement)** was filed in this office on September 21, 2011. Enclosed is a security envelope containing your confidential password and pin numbers to access the Division of Election's electronic filing system (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer's reports. **You will need to advise any deputy treasurers of the new password in order for them to have access to the EFS.**

All of the Division's publications and forms are available on the Division of Elections' web site at <http://elections.myflorida.com>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, 2010 Committee of Continuous Existence Handbook, 2011 Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

If you have questions concerning the electronic filing system you may call the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

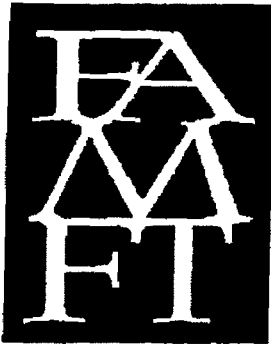
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Enclosure



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Telephone: (850) 245-6500 • Facsimile: (850) 245-6125 [www.dos.state.fl.us](http://www.dos.state.fl.us)  
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2011 SEP 21 PM 4:20  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Florida Family Team (T-Education Advocacy Movement)  
2888 Mahan Drive, Suite #1  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

September 21, 2011

Attention: Florida Department of State, Division of Elections

Re: Florida Family Team (T-Education Advocacy Movement (41727))

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Arthur D. Cleveland has resigned as Treasurer of the Florida Family Team, Committee of Continuous Existence as of September 21, 2011.

I am now the Treasurer and Chairperson of the committee; and will be responsible for all reporting activities and transactions for the committee.

Please forward all pertinent information to my email address: [REDACTED] and my billing address: 3907 Dunleer Court, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

Attached to this letter is a DS-DE 41 form as per your office's direction.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me immediately at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Melinda Piller



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**Florida Department of State**

Room 316, R. A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
(850)245-6200

# Division of Elections

## *Committee Tracking System*

### **Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement)**

**Type:** Committee of Continuous Existence

**Status:** Active

**Address:** 2888 Mahan Drive Suite #1  
3907 Dunleer Court  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

**Phone:** (850)222-1447  
(850)893-7898

**Chairperson:** Melinda Piller  
3907 Dunleer Court  
Tallahassee, FL 323090000

**Treasurer:** Melinda Piller  
3907 Dunleer Court  
Tallahassee, FL 323090000

**Registered Agent:** Melinda Piller  
2888 Mahan Drive Suite #1  
Tallahassee, FL 323080000

**Purpose:**

**Health Care**  
Mental Health

**Affiliations:**

**Organization**  
The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

<b>REGISTERED AGENT STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENT</b> (Section 106.022, F.S.)		OFFICE USE ONLY 2011 SEP 21 PM 4:20 FLORIDA STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change of Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change of Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Physical Address		
<b>Registered Agent and Office Information</b>		
Name <u>Melinda Pillr</u>		Telephone <u>(850) 5458484</u>
Street Address <u>2888 MAHAN DRIVE, Suite #1</u>		
City <u>Tall</u>	State <u>FL</u>	Zip Code <u>32308</u>
Mailing Address <u>3907 DUNLEER COURT</u>		
City <u>Tall</u>	State <u>FL</u>	Zip Code <u>32309</u>
I accept this appointment and confirm that I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position as set forth in Section 106.022, F.S. I also understand that I may resign this appointment by executing a written statement of resignation and filing it with the applicable filing officer.		
<u>Melinda Pillr</u> Signature of Registered Agent		<u>Sept 21, 2011</u> Date
<b>Former Registered Agent and Office Information (for changes only)</b>		
Name <u>ARTHUR D. Cleveland</u>		Telephone <u>(850) 681-3639</u>
Street Address <u>2888 MAHAN DRIVE, Suite #1</u>		
City <u>Tall</u>	State <u>FL</u>	Zip Code <u>32308</u>
<b>Committee or Organization Information</b>		
Name of Committee or Organization <u>Florida Family Team (T-Education Advocacy Movement)</u>		
Street Address <u>2888 MAHAN Drive SUITE #1</u>		Telephone <u>(850) 681-3639</u>
City <u>Tall</u>	State <u>FL</u>	Zip Code <u>32308</u>
<u>Melinda Pillr</u> Signature of Chairperson		
<u>Melinda Pillr</u> Printed Name of Chairperson		<u>Sept 21, 2011</u> Date

Form DS-DE 41 (revised 6/11)

## Filed Reports for Elec ID: 20121106-GEN

Account: 41727 - CCE **Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement)**  
**Chairperson: Piller, Melinda Appt: 9/21/11**

Report: <b>2011 Q1 (52)</b>	From: 1/1/2011	Amd: N	Filed: <b>FIL</b>	4/11/2011 1:22:18 P
Due: <b>4/11/2011</b>	To: 3/31/2011	Cmplt: NOD	Reviewed: <b>AUD</b>	4/11/2011 1:21:38 P
<b>Submitted Treasurer</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Withdrew</b>	<b>Entry Method</b>	<b>File Method</b>
4/11/2011 Arthur D. Cleveland	1/16/2009	9/21/2011	Web Data Entry	Web Filed
Report: <b>2011 Q2 (53)</b>	From: 4/1/2011	Amd: Y	Filed: <b>FIL</b>	7/5/2011 1:12:40 PM
Due: <b>7/11/2011</b>	To: 6/30/2011	Cmplt: COM	Reviewed: <b>AUD</b>	10/13/2011 2:47:39 P
<b>Submitted Treasurer</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Withdrew</b>	<b>Entry Method</b>	<b>File Method</b>
7/5/2011 Arthur D. Cleveland	1/16/2009	9/21/2011	Web Data Entry	Web Filed
10/13/2011 Melinda Piller	9/21/2011		Web Data Entry	Web Filed
Report: <b>2011 Q3 (54)</b>	From: 7/1/2011	Amd: N	Filed: <b>FIL</b>	10/13/2011 2:43:25 P
Due: <b>10/11/2011</b>	To: 9/30/2011	Cmplt: COM	Reviewed: <b>AUD</b>	10/13/2011 2:42:11 P
<b>Submitted Treasurer</b>	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Withdrew</b>	<b>Entry Method</b>	<b>File Method</b>
10/13/2011 Melinda Piller	9/21/2011		Web Data Entry	Web Filed

**Filed Report Summary**

Home Filings Transactions Print Queue Campaign Account Sign Out Help

**Summary of all filings received**

Report: 2011 - Q3 - 54      2012 General Election      Covers: 7/1/2011-9/30/2011      Due: 10/11/2011

Amended      Last Review:       Reviewed:      

Waiver      Complete:      

Filed Date:       File Status:

Transactions	Contributions	Amount	Expenditures	Amount
1	Cash and Checks:	100.00	Monetary:	0.00
	Loans:	0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:	0.00
	Total Monetary:	100.00	Total Monetary:	0.00
	In-Kind Contributions:	0.00	Other Distributions:	0.00

**Activity this report**

Orig Report      Submit Date:       By:

Contributions	Amount	Expenditures	Amount
Cash and Checks:	100.00	Monetary:	0.00
Loans:	0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:	0.00
Total Monetary:	100.00	Total Monetary:	0.00
In-Kind Contributions:	0.00	Other Distributions:	0.00

**Queued Items for 2011-Q3**

Account: 41727

**Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement)**

Rpt Seq: 54

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	41727	10/13/2011 2:27:46 PM	10/13/2011 2:27:46 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	41727	10/13/2011 2:40:16 PM	10/13/2011 2:40:16 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	41727	10/13/2011 2:42:11 PM	10/13/2011 2:42:11 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	41727	10/13/2011 2:43:25 PM	10/13/2011 2:43:26 PM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement)

Name: florida family team

Account: 41727

Election:

Acct: 41727

Type: Committee

Search Reset

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
10/11/2011	Q3	10/13/2011	APP	2	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$0.00
7/11/2011	Q2	7/5/2011						
4/11/2011	Q1	4/11/2011						
1/10/2011	Q4	1/10/2011						
10/29/2010	G4	10/28/2010						
10/15/2010	G3	10/12/2010						
10/1/2010	G2	10/1/2010						
9/17/2010	G1	9/17/2010						
8/20/2010	F3	8/20/2010						
8/6/2010	F2	8/11/2010	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/23/2010	F1	7/23/2010						
4/12/2010	Q1	4/9/2010						
1/11/2010	Q4	1/11/2010						
10/13/2009	Q3	10/13/2009						
7/10/2009	Q2	7/9/2009						
4/10/2009	Q1	4/8/2009						
1/12/2009	Q4	1/1/2009						
12/31/2008	IR	1/15/2009						
10/31/2008	G4	10/30/2008						
10/17/2008	G3	10/17/2008						
10/3/2008	G2	9/29/2008						
9/19/2008	G1	9/18/2008						
8/23/2008	F3	8/27/2008	CLO	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/8/2008	F2	8/4/2008						
7/25/2008	F1	7/22/2008						
4/10/2008	Q1	4/4/2008						
1/10/2008	Q4	12/31/2007						
10/10/2007	Q3	10/2/2007						
7/10/2007	Q2	7/3/2007						
6/22/2007	SG2	6/29/2007	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/8/2007	SG1	6/8/2007						
6/1/2007	SF2	6/1/2007						
5/25/2007	SF1	5/25/2007						
4/10/2007	Q1	4/2/2007						
4/6/2007	SG1	4/8/2007	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/16/2007	SF2	3/16/2007						
3/2/2007	SF1	3/7/2007	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/13/2007	SG1	2/13/2007						
2/2/2007	SF2	2/9/2007	ZFA	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/31/2007	AR		CLO	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/19/2007	SF1	1/24/2007	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2007	Q4	1/3/2007						
11/3/2006	G4	11/2/2006						
10/20/2006	G3	10/28/2006	CLO	8	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/6/2006	G2	10/3/2006						
9/22/2006	G1	9/19/2006						

9/1/2006	F3	8/31/2006						
8/18/2006	F2	8/11/2006						
8/4/2006	F1	8/11/2006	CLO	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
7/10/2006	Q2	7/10/2006						
4/10/2006	Q1	4/6/2006						
1/31/2006	AR		CLO	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1/10/2006	Q4	1/9/2006						
10/11/2005	Q3	10/3/2005						
7/11/2005	Q2	7/5/2005						

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## HISTORY NOTES

Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement) - 41727

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
26719	10/13/2011 1:18:00 PM		tahoodeen
<p>2011 Q3 FF:</p> <p>Rec'd a call from chairperson/treasurer Melinda Piller, who was very upset that she had received a FF letter. Lenard (then I) explained to her that we send out courtesy notices when reports are due, and in checking the system, told her we didn't have her email address on file. Advised her to file the report as soon as possible, and under the 'campaign account' tab, update &amp; add her email address, so she would receive courtesy notices</p> <p>I explained to her that it's the committee's responsibility to go to our website, and print out a copy of the calendar of reporting dates, however I took down her email address: [REDACTED], and sent her a copy of the calendar of reporting dates, the DOE website address (for 2012 when its published), and also a copy of the CCE user guide for the electronic filing system.</p> <p>In addition, she wanted us to waive the fine, I explained to her that once she filed the report, and received the fine letter, that there would be instructions as to how to appeal the fine with the FEC. I explained to her that we do not have the authority to waive fines. I also asked her that if she appealed the fine, to send us a copy of the appeal letter so we could update our records.</p>			
21680	1/31/2011 11:42:00 AM		tahoodeen
<p>Annual Report 2010:</p> <p>Filed &amp; Complete!</p>			
16742	3/8/2010 4:39:00 PM		tahoodeen
<p>Annual Report:</p> <p>Still working with Mr. Cleveland on the annual report. He's searching for the Amex Statement, so we can do the dist. link for the expenditures on the Q2 report, then amend the annual.</p>			
16715	3/5/2010 3:23:00 PM		tahoodeen
<p>Annual Report:</p> <p>Received call back from Mr. Cleveland today. He's actually waiting on the person who has the receipts for the distribution link in q2 report. We're still working on amending the report, and working towards the annual. Once he's got all the information (his wasn't legible), he will be calling me back.</p>			
16661	3/4/2010 3:18:00 PM		tahoodeen
<p>Annual Report:</p> <p>Working with Mr. Cleveland, Treasurer on this report. He's already got the 'in the event of dissolution' section of the DS-DE 1 form completed. We're currently working on the financial statement. He will be calling me back tomorrow afternoon to finish it up, he needs to do some research for a reimbursement listed on the Q2 report that we are currently amending.</p>			
16567	3/1/2010 12:05:00 PM		tahoodeen
<p>Annual Report:</p> <p>Art Cleveland called, left me a voice mail. Said he wanted to let me know he got the email I sent, and needs some assistance. However, he's tied up with clients through Wednesday, so apparently I'm assuming I'll need to call him on Thursday to help him out. I'll email him again, to let him know that's the plan, so we can get this annual report completed.</p>			
16559	3/1/2010 10:33:00 AM		tahoodeen
<p>Annual Report:</p> <p>Emailed chairperson, Mary Hale-Haniif, and treasurer, Arthur Cleveland regarding annual report. Totals don't reconcile, and on the DS-DE 1 form, they failed to complete the section, 'In the event of dissolution'.</p>			



**HISTORY NOTES**  
 Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement) - 41727

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11285	4/9/2009 1:46:00 PM		tahoodeen
<p>RE: Response from chairperson regarding correct phone number for committee</p> <p>Per chairperson (Mary Hale-Haniff), correct phone number for committee is: (850)222-1447.            Changed phone number in system.</p>			
11206	4/9/2009 8:40:00 AM		tahoodeen
<p>RE: DS-DE41 Form received 2-7-09</p> <p>Form indicates a different phone number for this committee, then what we have on file. E-mailed chairperson for clarification on which number is correct for the committee</p>			
11056	4/7/2009 4:16:00 PM		taburkes
<p>RE: Filing of Q1 Campaign Treasurers Report</p> <p>4/7/2009 4:15 P.M.</p> <p>I received a call from Mr. Arthur Cleveland (Treasurer) who was trying to file the Q1 report and had never filed a report in the system before. I directed him to the EFS instructions link on the web site and if he had any problems, he could give me a call back and I would try to help him</p>			
11033	4/7/2009 3:22:00 PM		taburkes
<p>RE: Undeliverable E-Mail Address</p> <p>4/7/2009 3:00 P.M.</p> <p>I received a return call from Mr. Arthur Cleveland (Treasurer) to confirm his e-mail address that we have in the system. Mr. Cleveland gave me a new e-mail address to replace the old one and it is as follows: <a href="mailto:adcleveland@comcast.net">adcleveland@comcast.net</a>            I have entered the new e-mail address on the treasurer record and reminded him that the Q1 Campaign Treasurer report is due on 4/10/2009.</p>			
11030	4/7/2009 3:18:00 PM		taburkes
<p>RE: Undeliverable E-mail Address</p> <p>4/7/2009 2:15 P.M.</p> <p>I tried to contact Mr. Arthur Cleveland (Treasurer) to confirm his e-mail address as we are having e-mail returned as undeliverable. I called the phone number listed on the treasurer record and was directed to his voice mail. I left a message for him to contact me.</p>			
11009	4/7/2009 2:23:00 PM		taburkes
<p>RE: Undeliverable E-mail Address</p> <p>4/7/2009 2:15 P.M.</p> <p>I tried to get in contact with Mr. Arthur Cleveland (Treasurer) to confirm e-mail address as we were having e-mail returned as undeliverable. I called the phone number listed on the treasurer record and was forwarded to his voice mail. I left a message for him to call me back</p>			
8203	1/7/2009 4:39:00 PM		jmcollins
<p>re: change of officers</p> <p>we received a letter 20090107 changing chair and treasurer. I called chair Noreen LeGare to get phone numbers for new officers and she requested that we not change the officers until after she had filed the annual report; I told her I would postpone the officer change until that time.</p>			

**HISTORY NOTES**  
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4248	5/29/2008 11:35:00 AM		jmbradham
<p>Re: Annual Report</p> <p>Spoke with Noreen LeGare and explained to her that her DS-DE 1 form was incomplete. Noreen stated that she would resend the form in again done correctly.</p>			
4158	5/27/2008 1:26:00 PM		jmbradham
<p>RE: Annual Report</p> <p>Left a message for Noreen LeGare about box #9 being left blank. Stated to her that she had filled it out on the copy, but left it blank on the original form. Asked her to refill the form out again with her original signature and re-mail it us. If she had any questions left my number for her to contact me.</p>			
3908	4/18/2008 3:45:00 PM		lbelvin
<p>RE: Intent to Revoke letter</p> <p>3:45pm Spoke with Noreen LeGare(she called our office)</p> <p>I explaiend to Ms. LeGare that the DS-De 1 form must have an original signature. She stated that she did not know that it had to be an origianl that is why she sent it this way. She did say that she would resend another DS-DE 1 form with the chairperson original signature.</p>			
3758	4/10/2008 8:10:00 AM		lbelvin
<p>RE: Annual Reports -Intent to Revoke Letter-Sent April 8, 2008</p> <p>Intent to Revoke letter was sent to this committee because our office received an incomplete the 2007 Annual Report. This committee's DS-DE 1 form was not an original signed form signed by the chairperson which is required for an annual report.</p> <p>In addition, an attachment 1S-2.020 Revocation of Certification for Committee of Continuous Existence was also sent out explaining the procedure of revoking a committee</p>			
2549	1/14/2008 3:01:00 PM		ljrandolph
<p>RE: Annual Report</p> <p>Lm for Noreen Legare @ 3:00</p> <p>I left a message explaining that the annual report was incomplete. I told her to call me back asap.</p>			
1606	9/6/2007 11:46:00 AM		lbelvin
<p>RE: Intent to Revoke for 25% Membership Dues 2006 Annual Report</p> <p>The Intent to Revoke letter was sent out on August 30, 2007 for this committee. Please forward all calls to Erin NeSmith.</p>			
627	6/19/2007 10:35:00 AM		lbelvin
<p>RE: 2006 Annual Report</p> <p>Left message for Dr. Noreen LeGare @ 681-0681</p> <p>I called and explained that we are still missing the DS-DE1 form and a copy of their by-laws/due schedule. I explained that they could send in a notizaried letter sign by the chairperson stating that has been no changes in the by law and due schedule. I did explained the we received the DS-DE 63 form but this does not make the 2006 annual report requirements complete. This additional information still needs to be filed Left my name and number if she has any questions.</p>			



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November 8, 2011

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**RE: Case No.: FEC 11-261; Campaign Treasurer's Report due October 11, 2011**

Dear Ms. Piller:

The Florida Elections Commission received your letter appealing the fine assessed against you for failing to timely file your campaign treasurer's report. I anticipate that the Commission will hear your case at its next meeting, which is presently scheduled for February 21 & 22, 2012, in Tallahassee. However, please call our office to verify when your case will be heard.

In reaching its decision, the Commission will consider the documents gathered by Commission staff and any documents you submit for the Commission's consideration before its meeting. Unless good cause is shown, the Commission will not consider any written document unless it has been filed with the Commission Clerk at least ten days before the meeting. Rules 2B-1.005, 1.0052, and 1.0055, *Florida Administrative Code*, are the Commission's rules on the appeal of automatic fines.

The Commission will uphold the fine imposed by the filing officer unless you provide credible evidence that the report was timely filed or credible evidence that unusual or other circumstances caused the report to be filed late.

If you are a county, municipal, or special district candidate or committee and your report was received by the filing officer without a postmark or with an illegible postmark more than five days after the due date or it was delivered to the filing officer by a mail delivery service other than the United States Postal Service, it will not be found timely filed unless you submit a copy of a proof of mailing or at a hearing before the Commission, presents the oral testimony of the person who timely mailed the report.

The proof of mailing submitted shall reflect that it was obtained from the United States Postal Service or other mail delivery service at the time of mailing and shall reflect that the report was

mailed before midnight on the due date. A metered postage mark does not constitute a postmark or a proof of mailing.

If you cannot show that your report was timely filed, the Commission may still grant you relief, but only if you show unusual circumstances. **Unusual circumstances is defined in Rule 2B-1.005(4), Florida Administrative Code, to mean “uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the actor has no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements.”** Unusual circumstances must occur within a time period that would clearly have prevented you from filing the report in a timely manner. Unusual circumstances shall not include the failure of the United States Postal Service or other mail delivery service to postmark an envelope, legibly postmark an envelope, or timely deliver mail. Further, unusual circumstances shall not include the failure of the sender to affix sufficient postage to a report that is being mailed.

Without credible evidence, the Commission will not find unusual circumstances. The following circumstances may constitute unusual circumstances so long as credible evidence is presented that unusual circumstances caused the report to be filed late.

1. **Natural disaster or other emergency that prevented timely filing.** Evidence submitted must include copies of newspaper reports or other documents from an independent and reliable source that shows the nature, date, and location of the natural disaster or emergency.
2. **Death of the candidate or campaign treasurer or an immediate family member of the candidate or campaign treasurer.** Evidence submitted must include a copy of the death certificate, newspaper obituary, or funeral program, or notice.
3. **Serious illness, disability or non-elective surgery of the candidate or campaign treasurer.** Evidence submitted must include a physician's certification on professional letterhead stationery that includes the dates of the illness, disability, or surgery; a statement regarding the period of time that the patient was incapacitated; and a statement that surgery, if any, was not elective. Copies of hospital records reflecting the dates of hospitalization may also show the period of incapacitation.
4. **Serious illness, disability, or non-elective surgery of the immediate family member of the candidate or campaign treasurer.** Evidence submitted must include evidence of the relationship of the candidate or treasurer to the family member, the location of the family member, and the reason the presence of the candidate or campaign treasurer was required. Evidence submitted must also include a physician's certification on professional letterhead stationery that includes the dates of the illness, disability or surgery; a statement regarding the period of time that the patient was incapacitated; a statement that surgery, if any, was not elective; and a statement that the patient required the care of a family member.

5. **Computer or equipment failure caused by events that could not have been anticipated and that made timely filing of the report impossible.** Power outages or program failure does not constitute unusual circumstances unless it is established that reasonable precautions to assure the safety of the equipment or the ability of the program to perform as anticipated were taken before the events causing failure of the equipment or program. Evidence must include a written statement made under oath in the presence of a notary or other person authorized to administer oaths indicating the cause and the duration of the power outage and the reasonable precautions taken to assure the safety of the equipment or the ability of the program to perform as anticipated.
  
6. **The abrupt and unexpected loss of the campaign treasurer, over which you had no control.** The loss of the campaign treasurer does not constitute unusual circumstances if the appealing party failed to monitor the campaign treasurer's performance before his or her departure or if the appealing party failed to assure prompt preparation of the report after the treasurer's departure. Evidence must include a written statement made under oath in the presence of a notary or other person authorized to administer oaths explaining the departure of your treasurer and the steps taken to monitor the treasurer's performance before his or her departure.

You may, of course, send any additional evidence that you believe supports your position that your report was timely filed or that unusual circumstances cause your report to be filed late. Rule 2B-1.005(3), Florida Administrative Code, provides that if you send additional documentary evidence, the Commission must receive it no later than 20 days from the date of this letter. Remember that the Commission will not consider any written document unless it has been filed with the Commission Clerk at least ten days before the meeting, unless good cause is shown. If the documentary evidence is timely received, it will be presented to the Commission when it considers your appeal of the assessed fine.

**It is your responsibility to provide the Commission with credible evidence that the report was timely filed or credible evidence that unusual circumstances caused the report to be filed late. If you do not provide the evidence requested in this letter or in the Commission rules, the Commission will uphold the fine assessed by the filing officer.**

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Tracie Aulet  
Investigation Specialist



**Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections**

**Florida Family Team (T - Education Advocacy Movement)**

**Campaign Finance Activity**

**Note:** The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. About the Campaign Finance Data Base. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
C	04/01/2005 - 06/30/2005	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	07/01/2005 - 09/30/2005	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00	0.00	0.00
C	10/01/2005 - 12/31/2005	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	01/01/2006 - 03/31/2006	1,110.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
C	04/01/2006 - 06/30/2006	600.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
C	07/01/2006 - 07/28/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/29/2006 - 08/11/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/12/2006 - 08/31/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2006 - 09/15/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/16/2006 - 09/29/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/30/2006 - 10/13/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/14/2006 - 11/02/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	11/03/2006 - 12/31/2006	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/05/2007 - 01/18/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	01/19/2007 - 02/01/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/02/2007 - 02/12/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2007 - 03/01/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/02/2007 - 03/15/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2007 - 03/31/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/16/2007 - 04/05/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2007 - 05/24/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/25/2007 - 05/31/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

W	06/01/2007 - 06/07/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/08/2007 - 06/21/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	04/01/2007 - 06/30/2007	1,620.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	07/01/2007 - 09/30/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.36	0.00	0.00
C	10/01/2007 - 12/31/2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	971.48	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2008 - 03/31/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	04/01/2008 - 07/18/2008	950.00	0.00	0.00	2,140.42	0.00	0.00
W	07/19/2008 - 08/01/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/02/2008 - 08/21/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/22/2008 - 09/12/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/13/2008 - 09/26/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/27/2008 - 10/10/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/11/2008 - 10/30/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	10/31/2008 - 12/31/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	895.86	0.00	0.00
C	01/01/2008 - 12/31/2008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2009 - 03/31/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	04/01/2009 - 06/30/2009	1,420.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.44	1,400.44	0.00
C	07/01/2009 - 09/30/2009	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2009 - 12/31/2009	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	01/01/2010 - 03/31/2010	175.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2010 - 07/16/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/17/2010 - 07/30/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/31/2010 - 08/19/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/20/2010 - 09/10/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/11/2010 - 09/24/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/25/2010 - 10/08/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	10/09/2010 - 10/28/2010	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/29/2010 - 12/31/2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2011 - 03/31/2011	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	04/01/2011 - 06/30/2011	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
C	07/01/2011 - 09/30/2011	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ⓢ	<b>All Dates (Totals)</b>	6,825.00	0.00	0.00	6,752.56	1,400.44	0.00

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