

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Benjamin Speaks

Case No.: FEC 20-349

TO: Benjamin Speaks
Shelby Green, Chair
PO Box 5651
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Christina White
Miami-Dade County SOE
2700 NW 87th Avenue
Miami, FL 33172

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission **on February 23, 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 627-359-707, or via teleconference by dialing (877) 309-2071 and entering the meeting access code 324-720-215, 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 motions to dismiss 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 motions to dismiss 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. 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
February 2, 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 **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 February 23, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the February 23, 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 A Webinar in the upper right corner of the website
 3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 627-359-707
And your email address
 4. Register your name and email address
 5. You will automatically join to the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to their webcam.

- B. OpenVoice - Teleconference
 1. Call 1-877-309-2071
 2. Enter Audio Access Code 324-720-215
 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-20-349

NAME: BENJAMIN SPEAKS

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 09/04/2020

DATE REPORT DUE: 08/14/2020 (2020 P7)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 08/15/2020

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 1

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$500.00

FINE BASED ON: NUMBER OF DAYS 25% OF RECEIPTS 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$2,250.00

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 08/18/2020 (Fine Ltr)

SUMMARY: Benjamin Speaks is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair and treasurer is Shelby Green.

The PC is appealing the fine. According to Shelby Green, she was sick and unable to file the report before the 11:59pm deadline. She notes that she filed as close to the deadline as her health allowed and requests a waiver of the fine.

- The 2020 P7 Original Report covers the period from 08/01/20-08/13/20; it was due on 08/14/20.
- The 2020 P7 Report shows that it was filed on 08/15/20 at approximately 12:14am.
- Benjamin Speaks reported receiving zero contributions, while making 1 expenditure.
- The Miami Dade Supervisor of Elections office does not have any notes that pertain to Benjamin Speaks' 2020 P7 report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

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

Benjamin Speaks: 2284
Po Box 5651 Tallahassee, FL 34314

August 30, 2020

Florida Elections Commission
107 W. Gaines St., Ste. 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399

CC: Miami Dade County Supervisor of Elections

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon filing the August P7 report on August 15, 2020, I was very sick and unable to file this report before the 11:59 pm deadline. Nevertheless, I filed it as close to the deadline as my health allowed.

I would like to appeal this matter, being that while I was under the weather and worked to file the report as soon as my health allowed, I had a short time period to do so.

Sincerely,

Shelby Green

FEC 20-349 Benjamin Speaks - Requested documents

Innocent, Vanessa (Elections) <Vanessa.Innocent@miamidade.gov>

Thu 9/24/2020 3:48 PM

To: Br'Axeton Wims <Braxeton.Wims@myfloridalegal.com>

Cc: Trutie, Suzy (Elections) <suzy.trutie@miamidade.gov>; Rodriguez, Roberto (Elections) <Roberto.Rodriguez@miamidade.gov>; Castro, Wilfred (Elections) <Wilfred.Castro@miamidade.gov>; Washington, Yolanda V. (Elections) <Yolanda.Washington@miamidade.gov>

📎 1 attachments (595 KB)

FEC Case 20-349 - Supporting Documents.pdf;

Good afternoon,

In response to your request for Case No.: FEC 20-349 pertaining to Benjamin Speaks, attached please find the following documents:

- The report that was file late
- The envelope that contained the report (*Reports are submitted electronically, therefore we do not have an envelope. We have attached a copy of the automatic email notification the system generates when a report is submitted.*)
- Card or letter reminding candidate that report was due (*see email attached*)
- The filing officer's failure to file letter (*N/A the report was due on Friday, 8/14/20; it was filed on Saturday, 8/15/20 so we did not need to send a Failure to File email or a letter on Monday.*)
- The filing officer's fine letter
- Certified mail receipt or other evidence that the fine letter was received
- Additional relevant notes or phone logs (*no particular phone logs or notes pertaining to this matter*)
- Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form
- The filing history

Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me directly or our Candidate Services Unit at 305-499-8410.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Innocent
Elections Department

(305) 499-8342

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Castro, Wilfred (Elections)

From: Miami-Dade CF Team <campaigns@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Shelby Green
Subject: Reminder for 20P7 Report Due 08-14-2020

Good morning,

This is a friendly reminder that the 2020-20P7 Report, which covers any campaign finance activity between 08/01/2020 and 08/13/20, is due on 08/14/2020.

As you know, campaign finance reports must be submitted electronically through the Miami-Dade Elections website at www.miamidade.gov/elections/campaignreports no later than midnight of the day designated to avoid late filing fees in accordance with Florida Statute 106.07. Please keep in mind that the PIN numbers for both the Chairperson and the Treasurer must be entered prior to submitting the electronic report successfully.

For future reporting dates, guidelines to successful Campaign Treasurer's Reports, and other important information, you may refer to the Political Committee Handbook online at <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/committee-handbook.asp>.

This is just a courtesy email. If you have already submitted your report, please disregard this notice.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact the Candidate Services Unit at 305-499-8410 or via email at campaigns@miamidade.gov.

Miami-Dade Elections Department
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Innocent, Vanessa (Elections)

From: Candidate Financial <CFinance@vrystems.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 12:14 AM
To: Campaign Finance (Elections)
Subject: Report Submitted: Benjamin Speaks - Political Committee (2020-08-14)

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: Received, Audit by Will C.

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Note: This is an Automated Email from the Campaign Finance System. This email is sent from an email address that is not monitored -- If you wish to communicate with the reporting entity, please "Forward" this email to the reporter's email address. Using a "Reply To" message will not reach them.

Benjamin Speaks - (miamidade) Candidate for Political Committee has submitted a financial report (2020-08-14 - Confirmation #1226700). Click here to log in : https://www.voterfocus.com/CampaignFinance/cf_cpanel.php



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August 18, 2020

Ms. Shelby Green
Benjamin Speaks
PO Box 5651
Tallahassee, FL 32314

NOTICE OF LATE FILING – FINE DUE – \$500.00
Benjamin Speaks PAC
20P7 Campaign Treasurer's Report
Due Date: 8/14/2020
Period Covered: 8/1/2020 – 8/13/2020

Dear Ms. Green,

The 20P7 Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with our office was submitted on 8/15/2020 (#1226700). Since this report was not filed by the appropriate filing date, a fine is being assessed for each late day pursuant to Florida Statute 106.07(8)(b).

As such, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day. These fines are not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. Therefore, since the report was 1 day late, the fine is \$500.00, which is 1 day at \$500 per day. Said fine must be received by our office at 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this notice. The check should be made payable to Miami-Dade County.

Florida Statute 106.07(8)(b) goes on to say that the fine may be appealed or disputed based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file by the designated due date. A hearing before the Florida Elections Commission may be requested, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in part or whole. Any such request must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Florida Elections Commission within 20 days of your receipt of this notice. To request an appeal, please write to the Florida Elections Commission, 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050. Our office must also be notified of the intent to bring this matter before the Commission.

I urge you to promptly resolve this matter. If not, in accordance with Florida Statute 106.07(8)(d), we will be required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of this late filing and failure to pay the imposed fine.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Candidate Services Unit at 305-499-8410.

Sincerely,

Suzy Trutie
Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Miami-Dade Elections

Certified No: 7012 0470 0001 2808 2406

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Benjamin Speaks

Name

(2) PO Box 5651

Address (number and street)

Tallahassee, FL 32314

City, State, Zip Code

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 2284

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: _____

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

Party Executive Committee (PTY)

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Check here if PTY has disbanded

Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

OFFICE USE ONLY
 ONLINE SUBMISSION
 [1226700]
 Submitted on:
 8/15/2020 00:13:11 (eastern)

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 8 / 1 / 2020 To 8 / 13 / 2020 Report Type: 20P7

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 \$ _____, 2, 250 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$ _____, _____, 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$ _____, 2, 250 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$ _____, _____, 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$ _____, 35, 450 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$ _____, 10, 480 . 00

(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

X
Signature

(Type name)

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X
Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Benjamin Speaks (2) I.D. Number 2284
 8/1/2020 through 8/13/2020
 (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 Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation	Type	Description	Amendment	Amount
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Benjamin Speaks

(2) I.D. Number 2284

(3) Cover Period 8/1/2020 through 8/13/2020

(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					
8/10/2020 / / 1	Invictus Strategy Group, 1201 S Eads Apt 913 Arlington, VA 22202	fundraising services	MO		\$2,250.00
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Filer Report Summary

FilerName Benjamin Speaks
Office Political Committee

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Report Date	Report Period	Submitted/Received	Original	Amendment Seq.	Days Late	Cash	Loans	Total Contributions	In Kind	Expenditures	Distributions	Total Expenditures Distributions Transfers & PCW	Fine	Appealed	Fine Paid	FEC Case Number
9/10/2019	19M08	9/10/2019	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
10/10/2019	19M09	10/8/2019	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
11/12/2019	19M10	11/12/2019	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
12/10/2019	19M11	12/10/2019	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
1/10/2020	19M12	1/10/2020	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
2/10/2020	20M01	2/10/2020	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
3/10/2020	20M02	3/10/2020	Original	0	0	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
4/10/2020	20M03	4/10/2020	Original	0	0	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
5/11/2020	20M04	5/11/2020	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
6/10/2020	20M05	6/10/2020	Original	0	0	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
6/19/2020	20P1	6/19/2020	Original	0	0	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
7/3/2020	20P2	7/3/2020	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
7/17/2020	20P3	7/17/2020	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
7/24/2020	20P4	7/24/2020	Original	0	0	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
7/24/2020	20P4	7/31/2020	Amendment	1	0	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
7/31/2020	20P5	7/31/2020	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
8/7/2020	20P6	8/7/2020	Original	0	0	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
8/14/2020	20P7	8/15/2020	Original	0	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$500.00		\$0.00	
9/4/2020	20G1	9/4/2020	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,131.53	\$0.00	\$37,131.53	\$0.00		\$0.00	
9/18/2020	20G2	9/18/2020	Original	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Totals						\$35,450.00	\$0.00	\$35,450.00	\$0.00	\$60,611.53	\$0.00	\$60,611.53	\$500.00		\$0.00	
Balance									(\$25,161.53)							

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Miami-Dade County Elections Department
Guidelines to Successful Campaign Treasurer's Reports
(Per Chapter 106, Florida Statutes)

Contributions

1. Contributions entered must fall within the time period covered by the report.
2. All Contributions must have complete Itemized Information including the date, name, complete address, contribution type, occupation (if over \$100) and dollar amount.
3. Occupation needs to be specific. Do not use "Businessman/woman, Business Owner, Salesman/woman, Sales," etc. Examples of acceptable occupations include Car Sales, Printing Shop Owner, Bank Manager, Attorney, etc.
4. There is no contribution limit to a political committee.
5. The maximum cash contribution per election is \$50. A cashier's check is considered as cash.
6. The contribution limit to a candidate is \$1,000 per election. For reporting purposes, a credit card, debit card, money order, or Paypal contribution is considered a check.
7. Contributions collected via Paypal or a third-party vendor to collect contributions must be reported in full (transaction fees are not deducted from the contribution amount, but rather reflected as an expenditure).
8. The person signing the check is the contributor, except for a company check that is a "Business" entity.
9. In-kind contributions are subject to contribution limitations (\$1,000 per election, per contributor).
10. Candidates cannot accept contributions from an Electioneering Communications Organization (ECO).

Expenditures

1. Expenditures entered must fall within the time period covered by the report.
2. All expenditures must have complete itemized information including the date, name, complete address, purpose of expenditure, and dollar amount.
3. A reimbursement from the campaign account is allowable directly to an individual/organization that has incurred approved expenses on behalf of the campaign. The report must include the full name, full address, specific purpose, and amount of reimbursement.
4. Campaign accounts may not provide a direct payment to the credit card of an individual/organization as a form of reimbursement.
5. Poll workers should be paid with a campaign check and each poll worker paid should be itemized.
6. Bank fees and fees assessed by Paypal or a third-party vendor to collect contributions must be reported as expenditures (not deducted from the contribution amount).
7. ECOs are limited to electioneering communications and may not make contributions to candidates or political parties.

Petty Cash

1. The Petty Cash Withdrawn limit is \$500 per calendar quarter prior to the end of qualifying. Thereafter, \$100 per week.
2. It shall be spent only in amounts less than \$100 and only for office supplies, transportation expenses and other necessities.
3. Petty Cash may not be used for time, space, or services from communications media.

4. The Petty Cash Withdrawn must be reported in the period that it was withdrawn from the bank.
5. The Petty Cash Spent must also be reported in the period that it was spent. Petty Cash Spent does not impact the Total Expenditures for the period, only when it is withdrawn.
6. Petty Cash Withdrawn and Petty Cash Spent must equal at the end of the campaign.

Notices

1. You will be notified of any deficiencies or violations.
2. Typical violations include late filing, fine due, and incomplete information on a campaign report.
3. ***Following these guidelines will reduce notices sent to you and thus the number of amendment reports that will need to be filed.***

Amending a Report

1. To make any changes to a submitted report, click on the "amend" button of the Original Report to create an Amendment Report.
2. In the Amendment Report, first click on the type of transaction to amend (i.e. "Enter Contributions", etc):
 - To add new item, add a new sequence.
 - To amend existing item, click "Amend Item from Orig Report" to view list of all items previously submitted. Click on desired sequence, enter edits, and click submit. This will display two transactions (one to "delete" original item and one to "add" new item).
 - To delete existing item, click "Amend Item from Orig Report", click on desired sequence, and just click submit. This will display two transactions (one to "delete" original item and one to "add" new item). Delete the "add" sequence, leaving only the "delete" sequence.

Fines

1. **Fines assessed to candidates must be paid from candidate's personal funds.**
2. Fines assessed to political parties, political action committees, electioneering communication organizations, and "Independent expenditures over \$5,000" are to be paid from their campaign account.
3. Fines must be paid to the filing officer within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due, unless an appeal is made to the Florida Elections Commission within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due.
4. If fine was appealed to the Florida Elections Commission, and the fine is upheld, payment is due to the Elections Department as stated in the Final Order.
5. Reference Florida Statute 106.07(8)(b) for fine amounts.

Termination Report

1. At the end of the campaign, or when closing out a political committee, the "Total Contributions to Date" and the "Total Expenditures to Date" on the Termination Report must equal; and, the campaign account must be closed.
2. Prior to closing the campaign account, any remaining funds must be disposed of according to F.S. 106.141 (for candidates) and F.S. 106.03 (for political committees).

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Benjamin Speaks

Name

(2) PO Box 5651

Address (number and street)

Tallahassee, FL 32314

City, State, Zip Code

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 2284

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: _____

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

Party Executive Committee (PTY)

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Check here if PTY has disbanded

Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 8 / 1 / 2020 To 8 / 13 / 2020 Report Type: 20P7

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 \$, 2 , 250 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, 2 , 250 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, 35 , 450 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, 10 , 480 . 00

(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

X

Signature

(Type name)

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Benjamin Speaks (2) I.D. Number 2284

8/1/2020 8/13/2020

(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 Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number							
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Innocent, Vanessa (Elections)

From: Candidate Financial <CFinance@vrsystems.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 12:14 AM
To: Campaign Finance (Elections)
Subject: Report Submitted: Benjamin Speaks - Political Committee (2020-08-14)

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Benjamin Speaks - (miamidade) Candidate for Political Committee has submitted a financial report (2020-08-14 - Confirmation #1226700). Click here to log in : https://www.voterfocus.com/CampaignFinance/cf_cpanel.php

Castro, Wilfred (Elections)

From: Miami-Dade CF Team <campaigns@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Shelby Green
Subject: Reminder for 20P7 Report Due 08-14-2020

Good morning,

This is a friendly reminder that the 2020-20P7 Report, which covers any campaign finance activity between 08/01/2020 and 08/13/20, is due on 08/14/2020.

As you know, campaign finance reports must be submitted electronically through the Miami-Dade Elections website at www.miamidade.gov/elections/campaignreports no later than midnight of the day designated to avoid late filing fees in accordance with Florida Statute 106.07. Please keep in mind that the PIN numbers for both the Chairperson and the Treasurer must be entered prior to submitting the electronic report successfully.

For future reporting dates, guidelines to successful Campaign Treasurer's Reports, and other important information, you may refer to the Political Committee Handbook online at <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/committee-handbook.asp>.

This is just a courtesy email. If you have already submitted your report, please disregard this notice.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact the Candidate Services Unit at 305-499-8410 or via email at campaigns@miamidade.gov.

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