

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Patrick Lee Cooper**

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**Case No.: FEC 23-317**

**TO:** Patrick Lee Cooper  
4226 Harrison Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Division of Elections  
500 S. Bronough Street  
RA Gray Building, Room 316  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING (IH))**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **December 3, 2025, at 1:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, via Webinar at: **Registration URL** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8443550463090426453>. **Webinar ID** 144-463-043  
**Audio Only** 1 877 309 2074 -- 786-784-735.

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**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

**Tim Vaccaro**

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
November 7, 2025

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 23-317**

**v.**

**Patrick Lee Cooper,  
Respondent.**

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**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) at its meeting held on August 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing.

On March 17, 2025, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff’s Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff’s Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

**Count 1:**

On or about October 14, 2022, Patrick Lee Cooper violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2022 G4 Report.

**Count 2:**

On or about October 28, 2022, Patrick Lee Cooper violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2022 G5 Report.

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**Count 3:**


On or about November 4, 2022, Patrick Lee Cooper violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2022 G6 Report.

**Count 4:**

On or about February 6, 2023, Patrick Lee Cooper violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his Termination Report.

The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on August 20, 2025.

  
Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director  
For Joseph S. Van de Bogart, Chair  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel  
Patrick Lee Cooper, Respondent  
Division of Elections, Complainant

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING**

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by consent order where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of



Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/9tJfZtZnft5A>.

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**Tim Vaccaro**

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
July 28, 2025

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION**

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes**, and **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on July 31, 2024, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On December 14, 2023, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division”), alleging that Patrick Lee Cooper (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
2. Respondent was a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 5. Respondent’s Statement of Candidate form was filed on June 17, 2022. (ROI Exhibit 2)<sup>1</sup>
3. By letter dated January 22, 2024, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 5, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods, as alleged in the complaint:

- 2022 G4
- 2022 G5
- 2022 G6
- 2022 TR

**Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 5, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the following reporting periods, as alleged in the complaint:

- 2022 G4
- 2022 G5

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<sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”



- 2022 G6
- 2022 TR

4. By letter dated June 21, 2022, Donna S. Brown, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form and that his name was placed on the 2022 active candidate list. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (“EFS”) and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all of the Division’s publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2)

6. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws by failing to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed or by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the following reporting periods: 2022 G4, 2022 G5, 2022 G6, and Termination.

7. Respondent’s 2022 G4, 2022 G5, 2022 G6, and Termination reports were due to be filed by October 14, 2022, October 28, 2022, November 4, 2022, and February 6, 2023, respectively; however, Respondent failed to timely file the reports or notify the filing officer that no reports would be filed. (ROI Exhibit 6) The Division sent eight letters notifying Respondent that his reports had not been received. The letters also notified Respondent that he was still required to notify the Division if he had no reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibits 4 & 5)

8. A subpoena was issued to Respondent’s designated campaign depository to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the relevant reporting periods, i.e., September 24, 2022 – October 7, 2022; October 8, 2022 – October 21, 2022; October 22, 2022 – November 3, 2022, and November 4, 2022 – February 6, 2023. The financial institution was unable to locate a campaign account in Respondent’s name. (ROI Exhibit 7)

9. As it appears that Respondent had no financial activity, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that he would not be filing his 2022 G4, 2022 G5, 2022 G6, and Termination reports on the prescribed reporting dates but failed to do so. Therefore, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his reports as the reports were waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.

10. A Commission staff investigator spoke with Respondent by phone and Respondent denied running for public office. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 1)

11. Based on Respondent’s assertion, Commission staff obtained additional information in order to vet Respondent’s claim. The Division’s records shows a Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests (“Form 6”) was filed for the campaign at issue. The Form 6 lists Patrick Lee Cooper’s mailing address as 4226 Harrison Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32207. The

Form 6 shows that it was hand-delivered to the Division and notarized in Leon County. The notary physically notarized the form in Patrick Cooper's presence when he produced Florida driver license number C160672800290. (Attachment A)

12. The Division's records also shows a Candidate Oath ("DS-DE 301C") as being hand-delivered to the Division and notarized in Leon County. The DS-DE 301C lists the same address, the phone number that the Commission staff investigator used to make contact, and confirms that a Florida driver license was produced to the notary in her physical presence. (Attachment B)

13. Commission staff also performed a CLEAR search. The address listed matches that which is on the campaign forms, the search produced the same phone number that the investigator called, and the same Florida driver license number as seen on the campaign documents. (Attachment C) Absent any further evidence from Patrick Cooper, Commission staff believes that the person contacted in this investigation is Patrick Lee Cooper and that he was a candidate for public office.

14. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

15. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 5. Respondent failed to timely file his 2022 G4, 2022 G5, 2022 G6, and Termination reports or notify the filing officer that no reports would be filed. It appears that Respondent had no financial activity during the relevant reporting periods, and therefore, was required to notify the filing officer in writing that he would not be filing his reports on the prescribed reporting dates but failed to do so. It does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his reports as the reports were waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**, and find **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

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**Count 4:**

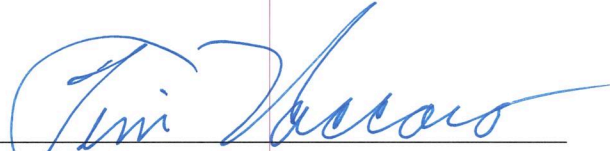
On or about February 6, 2023, Patrick Lee Cooper violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his Termination Report.

Respectfully submitted on March 17, 2025.



Stephanie J. Cunningham  
General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director



**FORM 6****FULL AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS****2021**Please print or type your name, mailing  
address, agency name, and position below:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

LAST NAME — FIRST NAME — MIDDLE NAME:

Cooper Patrick Lee

MAILING ADDRESS:

4226 Harrison Street

CITY:

Jacksonville

ZIP:

32207

COUNTY:

Duval

NAME OF AGENCY:

NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT:

Florida State Senate District 5

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COMMISSION ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL**HAND DELIVERED****PART A -- NET WORTH**Please enter the value of your net worth as of December 31, 2021 or a more current date. [Note: Net worth is not calculated by subtracting your *reported* liabilities from your *reported* assets, so please see the instructions on page 3.]My net worth as of December 31, 20 21 was \$ 11,000.**PART B -- ASSETS****HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:**

Household goods and personal effects may be reported in a lump sum if their aggregate value exceeds \$1,000. This category includes any of the following, if not held for investment purposes: jewelry; collections of stamps, guns, and numismatic items; art objects; household equipment and furnishings; clothing; other household items; and vehicles for personal use, whether owned or leased.

The aggregate value of my household goods and personal effects (described above) is \$ 11,500**ASSETS INDIVIDUALLY VALUED AT OVER \$1,000:**

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET (specific description is required - see instructions p.4)	VALUE OF ASSET
N/A	

**PART C -- LIABILITIES****LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF \$1,000 (See instructions on page 4):**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
N/A	

**JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITIES NOT REPORTED ABOVE:**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR	AMOUNT OF LIABILITY
N/A	

**PART D -- INCOME**

Identify each separate source and amount of income which exceeded \$1,000 during the year, including secondary sources of income. Or attach a complete copy of your 2021 federal income tax return, including all W2s, schedules, and attachments. Please redact any social security or account numbers before attaching your returns, as the law requires these documents be posted to the Commission's website.

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I elect to file a copy of my 2021 federal income tax return and all W2's, schedules, and attachments  
[If you check this box and attach a copy of your 2021 tax return, you need not complete the remainder of Part D.]

**PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME** [See instructions on page 5]:

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME EXCEEDING \$1,000	ADDRESS OF SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT
Indelible Solutions	841 Prudential Dr Suite 1203, Jacksonville, FL 32207	\$10,000
Turner Abrams Enterprise	2186 CAVALRY BLVD JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246	\$2,000

**SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME** [Major customers, clients, etc., of businesses owned by reporting person--see instructions on page 5]:

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE

**PART E -- INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES** [Instructions on page 6]

	BUSINESS ENTITY # 1	BUSINESS ENTITY # 2	BUSINESS ENTITY # 3
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY			
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY			
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY			
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY			
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS			
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST			

**PART F - TRAINING**

This section applies only to officers required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S. [See instructions p. 6]

☐ I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.

**OATH**

I, the person whose name appears at the beginning of this form, do depose on oath or affirmation and say that the information disclosed on this form and any attachments hereto is true, accurate, and complete.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Leon

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  
☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of

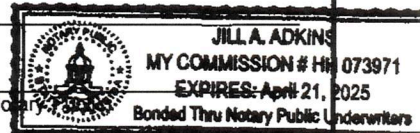
June, 2022, by Patricia Lee Cooper

[Signature]  
(Signature of Notary Public--State of Florida)

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification FLDL C160612803

Type of Identification Produced FLDL



[Signature]  
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICIAL OR CANDIDATE

If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, prepared the CE Form 6 in accordance with Art. II, Sec. 8, Florida Constitution, Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Preparation of this form by a CPA or attorney does not relieve the filer of the responsibility to sign the form under oath.

IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH E ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE ☐



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DIVISION SELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

## Candidate Oath

I, Patrick Lee Cooper

am a write-in candidate for the office of **State Senator**

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(District #)

(Circuit #)



**Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number** (located on your voter information card):

patcoop80@gmail.com

Email Address

FL

ZIP Code

COUNTY OF Leon

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Type of Identification Produced: FL DL



Search Type: Person

Reference: 23-317

## VITAL STATISTICS

☒ SHOW SOURCES

NAME:

SSN:

COOPER, PATRICK

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER:

State: FL

State: FL

State: FL

GENDER:

HEIGHT:

MALE

5'08"

5'09"

DOB:

01/29/1980

Criminal & Court, Driver's Licenses,  
Voters, Experian, TransUnion,  
Household Listing, Vehicle, Equifax,  
Bank Account Header Records

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EMAIL ADDRESS:

COOP\_PATRICK@YAHOO.COM

SKIMPBEATZ@GMAIL.COM

U9COOP\_PATRICK@HOTMAIL.COM

Email Records

Motor Vehicle Service & Warranty  
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ENTITY ID:

P221704576

AKA:

COOPER, PATRICK L

COOPER, PATRICK L SR.

COOPER, PATRICK LEE

COOPER, PATRICK D

HOOPER, PATRICK

[+ Show more \(1\)](#)

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Bank Account Header Records,  
Experian, Vehicle, Driver's Licenses,  
Criminal & Court

TransUnion

Experian, Phone Record



## KNOWN ADDRESSES:

<p>4226 HARRISON ST JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 DUVAL COUNTY UNITED STATES (904) 398-8939, (904) 312-8598, (904) 484-4773, 579-9900, (904) 396-9265</p>	<p>Confirmed on 01/25/2025 Household Listing, Vehicle, Bank Account Header Records, Experian, Phone Record, Driver's Licenses, Equifax, TransUnion, Email Records, Criminal &amp; Court, Motor Vehicle Service &amp; Warranty Records, Voters</p>
<p>4240 HEYWOOD ST JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 DUVAL COUNTY UNITED STATES</p>	<p>Confirmed on 10/15/2024 Experian, Equifax</p>
<p>4865 TOWN CENTER PKWY STE 1 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246 DUVAL COUNTY UNITED STATES</p>	<p>Confirmed on 06/30/2020 Equifax</p>
<p>FL FL 32207 UNITED STATES</p>	<p>Confirmed on 06/13/2018 Experian</p>
<p>JACKSONVILLE, FL 32258 DUVAL COUNTY UNITED STATES (904) 234-7534, (904) 619-2734, (904) 226-1062</p>	<p>Confirmed on 06/13/2018 Experian, Phone Record</p>
<p>2909 LAUDERDALE DR E JACKSONVILLE, FL 32277 DUVAL COUNTY UNITED STATES</p>	<p>Confirmed on 06/30/2017 Equifax, Experian</p>
<p>1409 DOUGLAS ST STE 1 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32211 DUVAL COUNTY UNITED STATES</p>	<p>Confirmed on 01/18/2014 Experian, Equifax</p>
<p>8451 GATE PKWY W JACKSONVILLE, FL 32216 DUVAL COUNTY UNITED STATES</p>	<p>Confirmed on 06/11/2010 Experian</p>
<p>7500 POWERS AVE APT 204 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32217 DUVAL COUNTY UNITED STATES</p>	<p>Confirmed on 10/08/2009 Experian</p>

6001 FOLKSTONE LN APT 6001  
ORLANDO, FL 32822  
ORANGE COUNTY  
UNITED STATES

Confirmed on 08/31/2007  
Equifax, TransUnion, Experian, Bank  
Account Header Records

(904) 398-8939, (904) 312-8598, 579-  
9900, (904) 484-4773

4320 SUNBEAM RD APT 804  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32257  
DUVAL COUNTY  
UNITED STATES

Confirmed on 08/31/2007  
Equifax, Experian, TransUnion

(904) 398-8939, 579-9900, (904) 484-  
4773

7522 WAKEFIELD AVE  
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32208  
DUVAL COUNTY  
UNITED STATES

Confirmed on 10/26/2006  
Experian

1629 CRICKET CLUB CIR  
ORLANDO, FL 32828  
ORANGE COUNTY

Confirmed on 10/19/2000  
Experian

6001 FOLKSTONE LN # 6001  
ORLANDO, FL 32822

Confirmed on 02/10/2000  
Experian

4226 HARRISON ST JACKSONVILLE,  
FL0  
FL  
UNITED STATES

Criminal & Court

ORLANDO, FL 32801  
ORANGE COUNTY  
UNITED STATES

Phone Record

(407) 408-0051

#### ADDITIONAL PHONE NUMBERS:

(904) 398-8939

Phone Record, Household Listing,  
Experian, TransUnion, Bank Account  
Header Records

(904) 484-4773

Phone Record, TransUnion, Voters,  
Motor Vehicle Service & Warranty  
Records

(904) 234-7534

Phone Record

(904) 226-1062

Phone Record

(904) 619-2734

Phone Record

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579-9900

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TransUnion

Bank Account Header Records, Motor  
Vehicle Service & Warranty Records



## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

### Report of Investigation for Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), F.S.

**Case Number: FEC 23-317**

Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed or failure to file a campaign report to reflect financial activity.

**Respondent:** Patrick Lee Cooper**Respondent's Atty:** N/A**Division of Elections (Division)****Referral Filed:** December 14, 2023**Respondent Type:** Candidate**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent was a 2022 candidate for State Senate, District 5; he was defeated in the general election held on November 8, 2022. Respondent was a first-time candidate.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on June 17, 2022. Respondent was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 1.<sup>1</sup>

3. Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate with the Division on June 17, 2022, in which Respondent certified he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, F.S. To review the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 2.

4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 on June 21, 2022, advising Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.

5. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.

6. The Division sent correspondence to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 notifying Respondent that the following campaign report(s), or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, had not been filed: 2022 G4, 2022 G5, 2022 G6 and 2023 TR. The letter(s) included reference to the filing date(s) for the report(s). To review the failure to file correspondence, refer to Exhibit 4.

7. On January 20, 2023, the Division sent letters marked "Final Notice" to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 notifying Respondent that the following campaign report(s), or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, had not been filed: 2022 G4, 2022 G5, and 2022 G6. To review the letters marked "Final Notice," refer to Exhibit 5, pages 1-3.

<sup>1</sup> Another nearly identical form was filed on the same date.

8. On March 14, 2023, the Division sent a letter marked "Final Notice" to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 notifying Respondent that the following campaign report(s), or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, had not been filed: 2023 TR. To review the letter marked "Final Notice," refer to Exhibit 5, page 4.

**II. Alleged Violation of Sections 106.07(7), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:**

9. I investigated whether Respondent violated these sections of the election laws either by not notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s) or by not filing campaign report(s) to reflect financial activity for the reporting period(s). To review the filing history, refer to Exhibit 6.

Report	Report Cover Period	Due Date	Report or Waiver Required	Exhibit 7 <sup>2</sup>
2022 G4	09/24/2022 – 10/07/2022	10/14/2022	Waiver	7
2022 G5	10/08/2022 – 10/21/2022	10/28/2022	Waiver	7
2022 G6	10/22/2022 – 11/03/2022	11/04/2022	Waiver	7
2023 TR	11/08/2022 – 02/06/2023	02/06/2023	Waiver	7

10. Respondent did not respond to the referral

11. I called Respondent for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. Respondent stated this is the third time he has been contacted regarding this matter and denied running for office of any kind. After it was explained that Division documents show Patrick Lee Cooper running for State Senate, District 5, with the same phone number through which he was able to be contacted, Respondent reiterated that he has never run for office. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 8.

**SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:**



**Date:** July 31, 2024

<sup>2</sup> I subpoenaed campaign account records from the designated campaign depository. The campaign depository provided notification declaring that it had no record of a campaign account and/or no records from the account during the relevant timeframe.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Patrick Lee Cooper -- FEC 23-317**

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9s
Exhibit 2	Statement of Candidate
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgment Letter
Exhibit 4	Failure to File Notices
Exhibit 5	Final Notices & Delivery Confirmations
Exhibit 6	Filing History
Exhibit 7	Bank Affidavit
Exhibit 8	Phone Log

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES  
(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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

RECEIVED

2022 JUN 17 AM 10:58

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

HAND DELIVERED

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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

Patrick Lee Cooper

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

4226 Harrison Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

4. Telephone

(904) 312-8598

5. E-mail address

patcoop80@gmail.com

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

Florida Senate District 5

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

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

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

☒ Write-In ☐ No Party Affiliation ☒ Democrat Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Patrick Lee Cooper

11. Mailing Address

4226 Harrison Street

12. Telephone

(904) 312-8598

13. City

Jacksonville

14. County

Duval

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

32207

17. E-mail address

patcoop80@gmail.com

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

19. Name of Bank

Hancock Whitney

20. Address

101 N Monroe St

21. City

Tallahassee

22. County

Leon

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

32301

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

25. Date

6/17/2022

26. Signature of Candidate

☒ 

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

I, Patrick Lee Cooper, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:

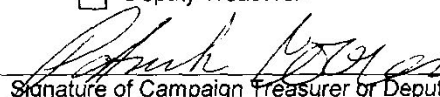
☒ Campaign Treasurer.

☐ Deputy Treasurer.

6/17/2022

Date

☒

  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2022 JUN 17 AM 11:24

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

**Hand Delivered**

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

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

**1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):**

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

**2. Name of Candidate** (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Patrick Lee Cooper

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

4226 Harrison Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

**4. Telephone**

( 904 ) 312-8598

**5. E-mail address**

patcoop80@gmail.com

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

Florida Senate District 5

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

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

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

☒ Write-In    ☐ No Party Affiliation    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Party candidate.

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

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Patrick Lee Cooper

**11. Mailing Address**

4226 Harrison Street

**12. Telephone**

( 904 ) 312-8598

**13. City**

Jacksonville

**14. County**

Duval

**15. State**

FL

**16. Zip Code**

32207

**17. E-mail address**

patcoop80@gmail.com

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**19. Name of Bank**

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**20. Address**

101 N Monroe St

**21. City**

Tallahassee

**22. County**

Leon

**23. State**

FL

**24. Zip Code**

32301

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

**25. Date**

6/17/2022

**26. Signature of Candidate**

X 

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

I, Patrick Lee Cooper, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:

☒ Campaign Treasurer.

☐ Deputy Treasurer.

6/17/2022

Date

X

  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

RECEIVED  
OFFICE USE ONLY

2022 JUN 17 AM 10:58

VISION COLLECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

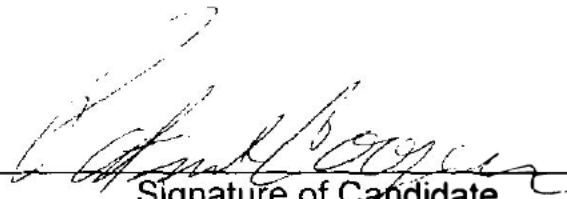
HAND DELIVERED

I, Patrick Lee Cooper

candidate for the office of State Senate District 5 ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of  
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X

  
Signature of Candidate

6/17/2022

Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

**RON DESANTIS**  
Governor

**CORD BYRD**  
Secretary of State

June 21, 2022

Patrick Lee Cooper  
4226 Harrison Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Dear Mr. Cooper:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Senator, which was placed on file in our office on June 17, 2022. Your name has been placed on the 2022 active candidate list.

### **Campaign Treasurer's Reports**

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **June 24, 2022**. The report will cover the period of June 1 -17, 2022 (2022 P1). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### **EFS Access**

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. Enclosed are your confidential, filing credentials.

**EFS Website Address:** <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
**Identification Number:** 82563

### **Timely Filing**

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), 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 of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

#### **Division of Elections**

**R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399**  
**850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) • [DOS.MyFlorida.com/elections](https://dos.mylouisiana.com/elections)**





Patrick Lee Cooper  
June 21, 2022  
Page Two

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

### **Electronic Receipts**

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the candidate and campaign treasurer, and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

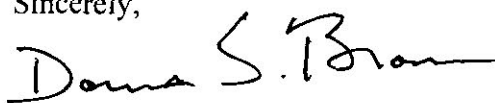
### **Instructions and Assistance**

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

**All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>. 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: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.**

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/bct

Enclosures



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**Cord Byrd**  
Secretary of State  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 17, 2022

Patrick Lee Cooper  
Candidate for State Senator, District 5  
4226 Harrison Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207-2207

CAN 82563

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was October 14, 2022.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
  - \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
  - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
  - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown".

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Cord Byrd**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 31, 2022

Patrick Lee Cooper  
Candidate for State Senator, District 5  
4226 Harrison Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207-2207

CAN 82563

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was October 28, 2022.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
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  - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

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- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

  
Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Cord Byrd**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 7, 2022

CAN 82563

Patrick Lee Cooper  
Candidate for State Senator, District 5  
4226 Harrison Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207-2207

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was November 4, 2022.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
  - \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
  - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
  - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.


The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

  
Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Cord Byrd**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

February 8, 2023

Patrick Lee Cooper  
Candidate for State Senator, District 5  
4226 Harrison Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207-2207

CAN 82563

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was February 6, 2023.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as \$50 per day until you file your report. The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.
- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Cord Byrd**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Final Notice**

**Delivery Confirmation:**

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9022 0085 2074 0807 50**  
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or inquiries go to [USPS.com](https://usps.com)  
or call 1-800-222-1811.

January 20, 2023

Patrick Lee Cooper  
Candidate for State Senator, District 5  
4226 Harrison Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32207-2207

CAN 82563

Dear Mr. Cooper:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the below-referenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2022	G4	9/24/22 - 10/7/22

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

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## Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

### Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

**Candidate Name:** Patrick Lee Cooper

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**Account:** [82563](#)

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
2/6/2023	TR		FEC	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/4/2022	G6		FEC	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2022	G5		FEC	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/14/2022	G4		FEC	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
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**AFFIDAVIT  
OF CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS**

**Customer Name as described in Subpoena;**

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**DOL# 13918**

PERSONALLY CAME AND APPEARED before me, notary public in and for the aforesaid county and state,  
Kristen Chapman, Legal Specialist and states as follows:

1. That the Affiant is a duly authorized custodian of the records of the Deposit Services Department, Hancock Whitney Bank and has authority to certify the records of said Bank.
2. That the Affiant is unable to locate any records under the names and/or social security number as described in the Subpoena.

Kristen Chapman  
Affiant's Signature

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

Jacqueline N. Lizana  
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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
PHONE LOG  
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January 22, 2024

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**RE: Case No.: FEC 23-317; Respondent: Patrick Lee Cooper**

Dear Mr. Cooper:

On December 14, 2023, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 5, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods, as alleged in the complaint:

- 2022 G4
- 2022 G5
- 2022 G6
- 2022 TR

**Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 5, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the following reporting periods, as alleged in the complaint:

- 2022 G4
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- 2022 G6
- 2022 TR

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will prepare and present a written Staff Recommendation (SR) to the Commission as to whether there is

Patrick Lee Cooper  
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probable cause to charge you, the Respondent, with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon you. Notice will be mailed to you and the Complainant at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, the Commission may enter into a consent agreement with a Respondent to settle a complaint prior to a finding of probable cause. If you are interested in entering negotiations directed towards reaching a consent agreement to resolve this matter, please contact the Commission and request to speak with the attorney assigned to this case.

**Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.**

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause, unless the Respondent files a written waiver of confidentiality with the Commission. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the Complainant or the Respondent.

Should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website.

If you have additional questions, please contact **Charles Mellow**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at [Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com).

Sincerely,



Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director

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FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

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**Candidate:** Patrick Lee Cooper**Account Number:** 82563**Treasurer:** Patrick Lee Cooper

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The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7) and 106.25, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon the candidate's alleged failure to file a report after notice or failure to file a notification to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date as required by section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

The following reports are outstanding after notification:

2022 G4	2022 G5
2022 G6	2022 TR

- Patrick Lee Cooper (82563) was a 2022 candidate for the office of State Senator.
- On June 17, 2022, Mr. Cooper filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division.
- The 2022 G4 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 14, 2022. On October 17, 2022, the Division mailed Mr. Cooper notification that the 2022 G4 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On January 20, 2023, the Division mailed Mr. Cooper final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2022 G4 report had not been filed. (See attached letter.)
- The 2022 G5 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 28, 2022. On October 31, 2022, the Division mailed Mr. Cooper notification that the 2022 G5 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.

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- As of December 12, 2023, Mr. Cooper has not filed the 2022 G4, 2022 G5, 2022 G6, 2022 TR reports.

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**Sent By:** Donna S. Brown  
**Date:** December 12, 2023  
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