

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Edward J. Lynum

Case No.: FEC 20-615

TO: Edward J. Lynum
6813 County Road 219
Wildwood, FL 34785-8684

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARINGS (IH))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **November 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **402 South Monroe Street, 12 HOB, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
October 31, 2023

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Edward J. Lynum

Case No.: FEC 20-615

TO: Edward J. Lynum
6813 County Road 219
Wildwood, Florida 34785-8684

Division of Elections
RA Gray Building, RM 316
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

You are hereby notified that the previously scheduled hearing for May 17, 2023, is cancelled. It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting. A new Notice of Hearing will be mailed to you approximately 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 4, 2023

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Edward J. Lynam

Case No.: FEC 20-615

TO: Edward J. Lynam
6813 County Road 219
Wildwood, FL 34786-8684

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 17, 2023 at 8:30**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: Via Webinar Registration URL:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/571953185404345941>

Audio participation:
1-877-309-2074

Attendee – muted:
966-952-589

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 2, 2023

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STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 20-615

v.

Edward J. Lynum,
Respondent.

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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 24, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On June 17, 2022, 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):

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Count 1:

On or about July 23, 2020, Edward J. Lynum 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 2020 TR Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on January 24, 2023.



Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director
For Nicholas Primrose, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel
Edward J. Lynum, 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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Wildwood, FL 34785-8684

Division of Elections
500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **January 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86542842462?pwd=VjdKeGRjcFAvZko2Y1pTZmo1cU5pdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4284 2462

Passcode: 5UuWmT

AUDIO PARTICIPATION:

1-301-715-8592

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
January 9, 2023

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Wildwood, FL 34785-8684

Division of Elections
500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING
(PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

You are hereby notified that **the previously scheduled hearing for December 14, 2022, is cancelled.** It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be scheduled for a date to be determined in either January 2023 or February 2023.

A Notice of Hearing will be mailed to you approximately 14 days prior to the new hearing date.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
December 13, 2022

**STATE OF FLORIDA
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Wildwood, FL 34785-8684

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
November 30, 2022

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ORDER CONTINUING CASE

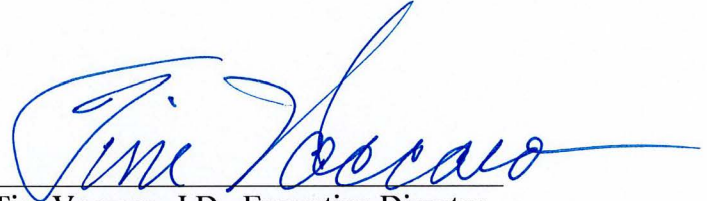
THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 16, 2022, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Commission staff requested that the matter be continued.

The Commission considered Staff's request. Staff's request was **GRANTED**.

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

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on August 16, 2022.



Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director
For Nicholas Primrose, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel
Edward J. Lynum, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant

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Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
August 1, 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Edward J. Lynum

Case No.: FEC 20-615

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**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on April 6, 2022, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On December 9, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division”), alleging that Edward J. Lynum (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for Circuit Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit, Group 10. (ROI Exhibit 3)¹

3. By letter dated November 2, 2021, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 10, 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 2020 TR reporting period.

4. By letter dated June 21, 2019, Kristi Reid Willis, 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. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1)

5. The acknowledgment letter 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 4, page 2)

¹ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”

6. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the candidate is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

7. The *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs candidates to notify the Division by way of the Division’s electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 2) The *Candidate EFS User’s Guide* shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user’s guide instructs candidates to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled “Waiver” to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 3-4)

8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed for the following reporting period, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 1)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2020 TR	4/1/20 – 7/23/20	7/23/20	2/26/21	218

9. Respondent was given multiple opportunities to respond to Commission staff’s investigation, but failed to do so. (ROI, p. 2, ¶¶9-10; ROI Exhibit 8) Respondent was not a first-time candidate. (ROI, p.1, ¶1)

10. “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).

11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2020 candidate for Circuit Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit, Group 10. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed for the 2020 TR reporting period.

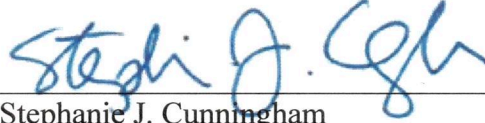
Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

Count 1:

On or about July 23, 2020, Edward J. Lynum 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 2020 TR Report.

Respectfully submitted on June 17, 2022.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 17 day of June 2022.



Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 20-615

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed.

Respondent: Edward J. Lynam

Respondent's Atty: N/A

Division of Elections (Division)

Referral Filed: December 9, 2020

Respondent Type: Candidate

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 10; he failed to qualify. Respondent was not a first-time candidate. To review the email from the Division regarding Respondent's failure to qualify, refer to Exhibit 1.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on June 20, 2019. Respondent was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 2.

3. Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate with the Division on June 20, 2019, in which Respondent certified he had been provided access to read and understand Chapter 106, F.S. To review the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 3.

4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 on June 21, 2019, 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 4.

6. The *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 5.

7. The *Candidate EFS User's Guide* discusses how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, the *Handbook* instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant pages from the *EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 6.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report(s) would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s). To review Respondent's filing history reflecting the untimely filed notifications summarized below, refer to Exhibit 7.

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2020 TR	4/1/20 – 7/23/20	7/23/20	2/26/21	218
9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.				
10. I attempted to contact Respondent on three occasions for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. As of the date of this report, neither my telephone calls nor email have been returned. Therefore, I am unable to ascertain whether he has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the <i>Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook</i> . To review the phone log and email, refer to Exhibit 8.				
SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:  Date: April 6, 2022				

Cedric Oliver

From: Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Cedric Oliver
Subject: RE: Acct #74383

This candidate failed to provide qualifying documents.

From: Cedric Oliver <Cedric.Oliver@myfloridalegal.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2022 12:59 PM
To: Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>
Subject: Acct #74383

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Hey there Ms. Brown!! Could you please explain or provide documentation as to why this Respondent did not qualify to run for office? Thank you!

HAND DELIVERED

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2019 JUN 20 PM 2:04

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

**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.**

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)
EDWARD, J, LYNUM

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)
P O Box 1078
Wildwood, FL 34785

4. Telephone (352) 571-6200

5. E-mail address ejlynum@gmail.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)
Circuit Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Group 10

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

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a
 Write-In No Party Affiliation _____ Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
ED LYNUM

11. Mailing Address
P O BOX 1078

12. Telephone
(352) 571-6200

13. City WILDWOOD 14. County SUMTER 15. State FL 16. Zip Code 34785 17. E-mail address ejlynum@gmail.com

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


19. Name of Bank
Community Bank & Trust of Florida

20. Address
2535 Burnsed Blvd.

21. City The Villages 22. County Sumter 23. State Florida 24. Zip Code 32163

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
June 20, 2019

26. Signature of Candidate
X 

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

I, EDWARD J. LYNUM, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

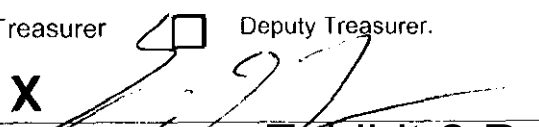
June 20, 2019 **X** 
Date Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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HAND DELIVERED

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

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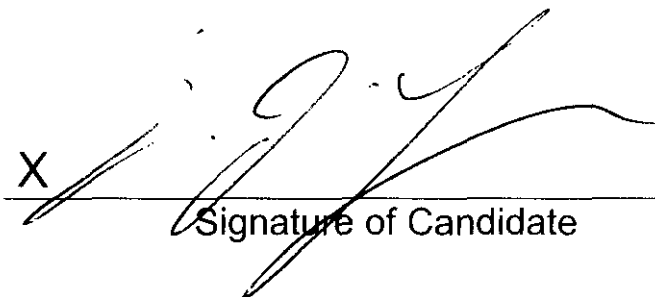
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I, EDWARD J. LYNUM,

candidate for the office of Circuit Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Group 10 ;

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

X



Signature of Candidate

June 20, 2019

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

LAUREL M. LEE
Secretary of State

June 21, 2019

Edward J. Lynum
Post Office Box 1078
Wildwood, Florida 34785

Dear Mr. Lynum:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of Circuit Judge, which was placed on file in our office on June 20, 2019. Your name has been placed on the 2020 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 10, 2019**. The report will cover the period of June 1-30, 2019 (2019 M6). 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. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>

Identification Number: 74383

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.

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Edward Lynum
June 21, 2019
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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 3 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,



Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/jcs

Enclosures

Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook



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Division of Elections
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500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
850.245.6240

(Rev. 04/3/2018)

An individual seeking a publicly elected position on a political party executive committee who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure must file a single report of all contributions and expenditures on the 4th day immediately preceding the primary election. (See [Chapter 18, Reporting for Individuals Seeking a Publicly Elected Position on a Party Executive Committee.](#))

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section [106.0705](#), Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner.

Reports filed with the Division through the [Electronic Filing System \(EFS\)](#) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

(Sections [106.07](#), [106.0705](#) and [106.141](#), F.S.; [Chapter 19, Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports](#))

Penalty for Late Filing

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 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding the primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. All fines must be paid from the candidate's **personal funds** – not campaign funds.

(Section [106.07\(2\)](#) and [\(8\)](#), F.S.)

Notice of No Activity

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. **However, the candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.** (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the [EFS](#).) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section [106.07](#), F.S.)

**Department of State
Division of Elections**

Candidate EFS User's Guide



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Division of Elections
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EFS HELP LINE: [850-245-6280](tel:850-245-6280)

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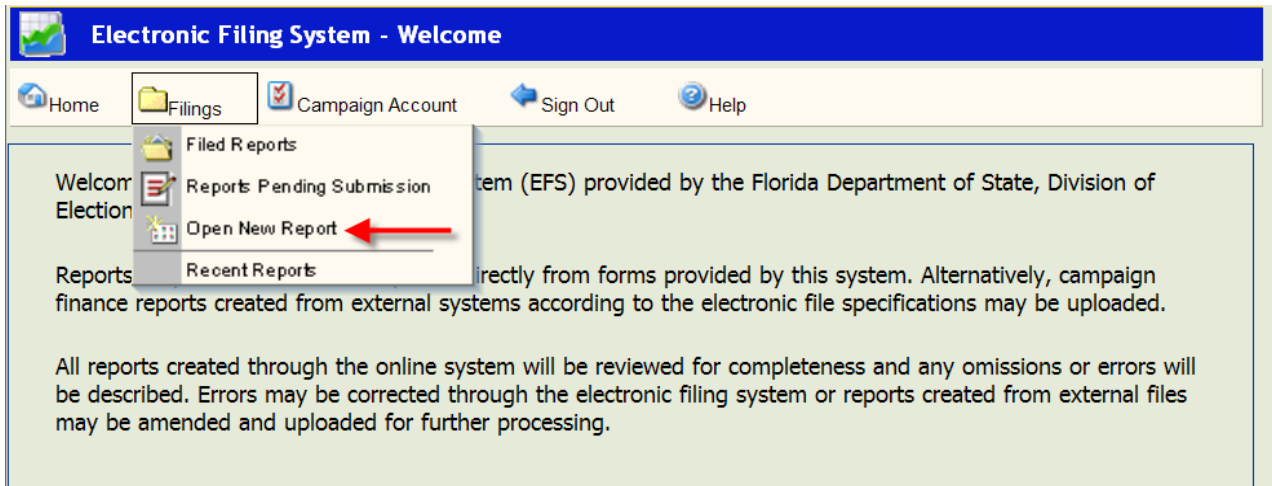
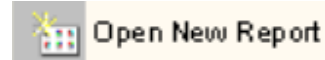
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Create a New Report by Data Entry

From the Welcome Screen, click



and then



Use this form to submit an original report. To submit an amendment to a previously filed report, first select the report from the 'Filed Reports' listing and then choose the 'Amend Report' option from the 'Edit' menu item.

Coverage Periods
Campaign finance reports itemize financial activity occurring during a specific reporting period. The reporting period is declared by first selecting the reporting year and then the report type. The beginning and ending coverage dates and the filing due date of the report are automatically associated with the *Reporting Year* and *Report Type*.


Election Cycle:


Report Type:

Coverage Period: Due Date:

Special Election Report Waiver

Uploading a Campaign Finance Report
A Campaign Finance report file meeting the department's specifications may be uploaded at the time a report is opened. Use the Browse button to locate and select the report text or zip file to be uploaded. You may upload the report file in a compressed zip. The zip file must contain only one report file.

Click  arrow next to **Election Cycle**. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click  arrow next to **Report Type** and select the report type that corresponds to the appropriate cover period and due date.

The **Cover Period** dates will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates**. The end date can be changed for candidate termination reports.

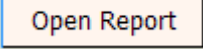
The **Due Date** will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates**.

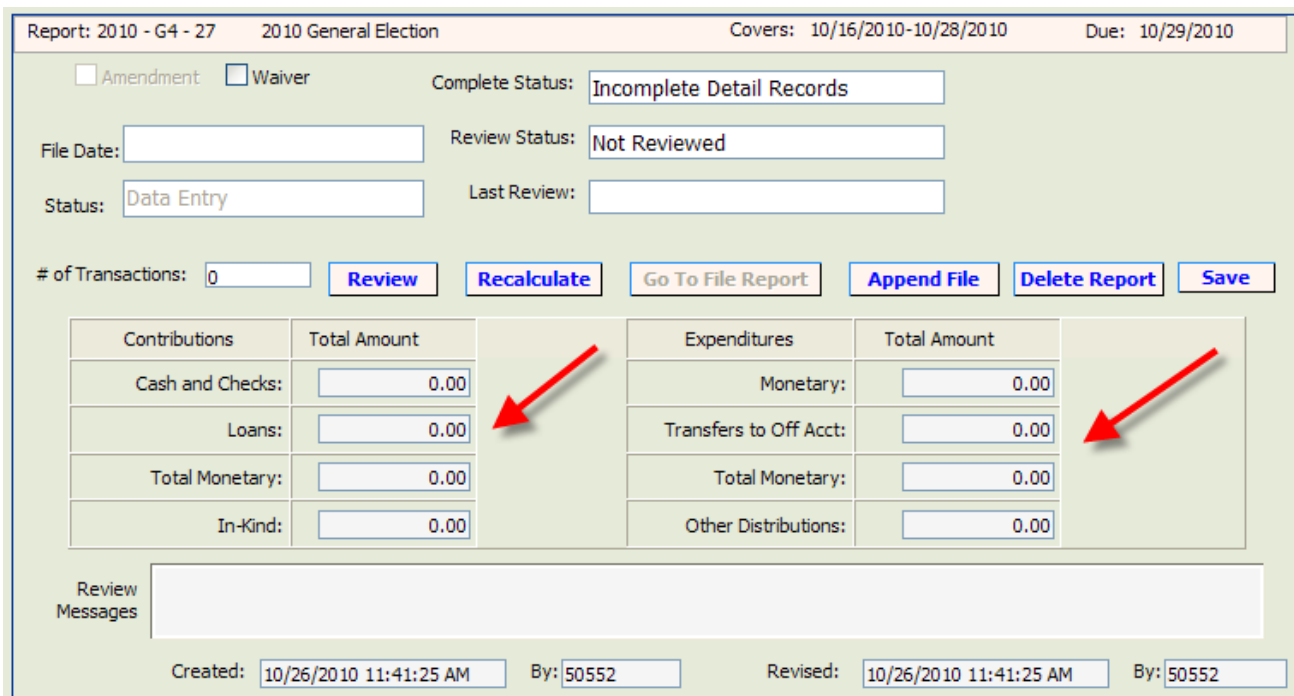
******NOTE******

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the  box next to Waiver.



Election Cycle: 2010 General Election
Report Type: F2 2010
Coverage Period: 7/17/2010 7/30/2010 Due Date: 08/06/2010
 Special Election Report Waiver

Click  at the bottom of the screen. A **Report Detail** screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.



Report: 2010 - G4 - 27 2010 General Election Covers: 10/16/2010-10/28/2010 Due: 10/29/2010

Amendment Waiver Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records
File Date: Review Status: Not Reviewed
Status: Data Entry Last Review:

of Transactions: 0 **Review** **Recalculate** **Go To File Report** **Append File** **Delete Report** **Save**

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

Review Messages

Created: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552 Revised: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552

File the Report

If the **Review Status** is Updated Detail – Needs Review the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 38 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

If the status of the report is Complete Detail Records, you are ready to file the report.

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26 2010 General Election Covers: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Due: 8/20/2010

Amendment Waiver Complete Status: Complete Detail Records

File Date: Review Status: Reviewed

Status: Data Entry Last Review: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM

of Transactions: 1 [Review](#) [Recalculate](#) [Go To File Report](#) [Append File](#) [Delete Report](#) [Save](#)

Contributions		Total Amount	Expenditures		Total Amount
Cash and Checks:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	51.00
Loans:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:	<input type="text"/>	0.00
Total Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Total Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	51.00
In-Kind:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Other Distributions:	<input type="text"/>	0.00

Review Messages:

Created: 8/19/2010 2:01:35 PM By: 50552 Revised: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM By: 50552

Click on [Go To File Report](#).

The **candidate** enters his or her **PIN**, and then selects [Report Approved](#)

NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting to the validity of the report.

Step 1: Enter the candidate/chairperson PIN.

Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26 Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Due: 8/20/2010

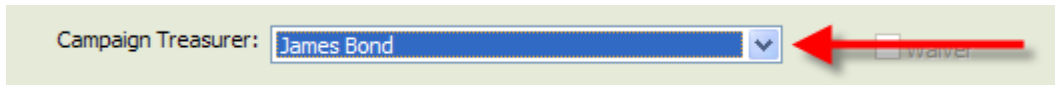
Review Status: Reviewed

Original Amended

Waiver

PIN for Candidate/Chairperson: [Report Approved](#)

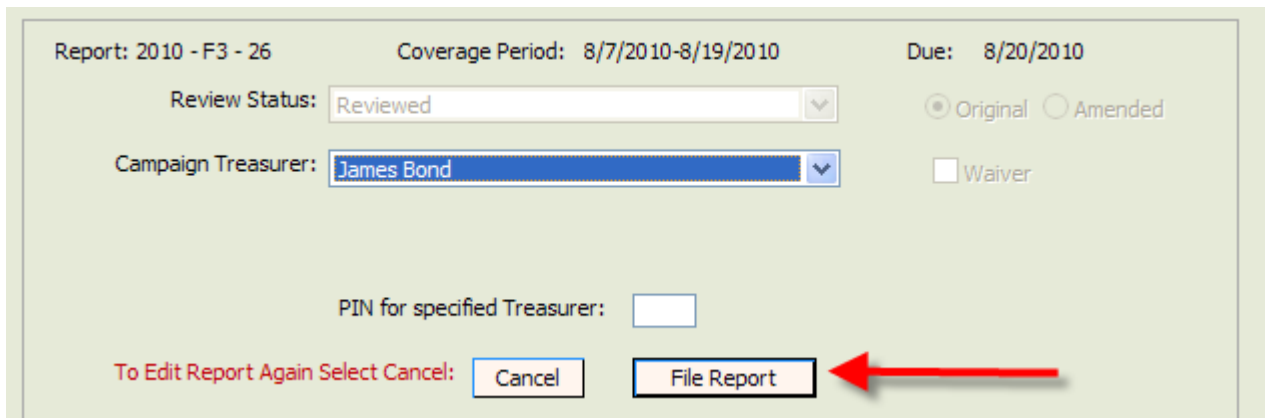
If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.



Campaign Treasurer: James Bond [v] Waiver

A red arrow points to the dropdown arrow on the right side of the 'James Bond' selection.

The treasurer enters his or her **PIN** and then clicks .



Report: 2010 - F3 - 26 Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Due: 8/20/2010

Review Status: Reviewed [v] Original Amended

Campaign Treasurer: James Bond [v] Waiver

PIN for specified Treasurer:

To Edit Report Again Select Cancel:

A red arrow points to the 'File Report' button on the right.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If changes need to be made after a candidate enters his PIN, the treasurer must undo the candidate's PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 48 for instructions.



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Edward J. Lynum

Name:

Account: [74383](#)

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
7/23/2020	TR	2/26/2021	CLO	218	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4/10/2020	M3	4/9/2020						
3/10/2020	M2	3/12/2020	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2020	M1	2/10/2020						
1/10/2020	M12	1/11/2020	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12/10/2019	M11	12/11/2019	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/12/2019	M10	11/6/2019						
10/10/2019	M9	10/9/2019						
9/10/2019	M8	9/8/2019						
8/12/2019	M7	8/2/2019						
7/10/2019	M6	8/2/2019	FEC	23	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00



**Florida Department of State
Division of Elections**

**2020 General Election
Edward J. Lynam (NOP)
Circuit Judge**

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.](#)

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
W	06/20/2019 - 06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2019 - 07/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/01/2019 - 08/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2019 - 09/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2019 - 10/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2019 - 11/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2019 - 12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2020 - 01/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2020 - 02/29/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2020 - 03/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2020 - 07/23/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
⊙	All Dates (Totals)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Note: **(E)** indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and **L** Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type

Contributions ▼

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending) ▼

Select Output Type

Display On Screen ▼

Submit Query Now

[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 20-615**

Respondent: Edward Lynum

Complainant: DOE

1. **Date and time:** April 4, 2022 @ 1:20 pm
Name: Respondent
Phone #: (352) 571-6200
Summary: I attempted telephone contact to make initial contact. I was unable to leave a message. The phone appears to be not in service.
Entered by: CKO
2. **Date and time:** April 5, 2022 @ 1:45 pm
Name: Respondent
Phone #: (352) 571-6200
Summary: I attempted telephone contact to complete final interview. The phone is not in service.
Entered by: CKO
3. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:
4. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:
5. **Date and time:**
Name:
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Summary:
Entered by:
6. **Date and time:**
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Entered by:
7. **Date and time:**
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Summary:
Entered by:

8. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

9. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #[LOG NUMBER]

Type and ask your case specific question(s) first, then ask the remaining questions.

- Why was the 2020 TR Report untimely filed?
- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
- What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?
- Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Do you possess a copy of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- *If a section of Chapter 104 is listed in the LS letter, ask:* Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.
- Do you have anything else to add for the Commission's consideration regarding the charges specified in the letter of legal sufficiency in this case?

Cedric Oliver

From: Cedric Oliver
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 1:30 PM
To: ejlynum@gmail.com
Subject: FEC Cases 20-036 and 20-615

Good afternoon Mr. Lynam! I'm sending you this email to inform you that I have been trying to contact you to address issues related to the above mentioned cases. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to address these matters. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Cedric Oliver
(850) 922-4539
107 West Gaines Street, Suite #224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596



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November 2, 2021

Edward J. Lynum
6813 County Road 219
Wildwood, FL 34785

RE: Case No.: FEC 20-615; Respondent: Edward J. Lynum

Dear Mr. Lynum:

On December 9, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging 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 violation(s):

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 10, 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 2020 TR reporting period.

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to **resolve your case now** by signing a minor violation consent order and **paying a fine of \$50**, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, **rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation** provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, **you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s)** in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission. You and the Complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please contact Todd Smith-Schoenwalder by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at Todd.SmithSchoenwalder@myfloridalegal.com, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order.

If you choose not to resolve this case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, the

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Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of fine to be imposed upon you.

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

For additional information, please refer to the “Frequently Asked Questions” section on the Commission’s website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Vaccaro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

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**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
9 DEC '20 PM 4:11

Candidate: Edward J. Lynum

Account Number: 74383

Treasurer: Ed Lynum

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 report is outstanding after notification: 2020 TR

- Edward J. Lynum (74383) was a 2020 candidate for the office of Circuit Judge.
- On June 20, 2019, Mr. Lynum filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division.
- The 2020 TR campaign treasurer's report was due on July 23, 2020. On July 30, 2020, the Division mailed Mr. Lynum notification that the 2020 TR campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On October 19, 2020, the Division mailed Mr. Lynum notification that the 2020 TR campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On November 2, 2020, the Division mailed Mr. Lynum final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2020 TR report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- Mr. Lynum did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2020 TR report that no report was to be filed.
- As of December 3, 2020, Mr. Lynum has not filed the 2020 TR report.

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis
Date: December 3, 2020

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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November 2, 2020

Edward J. Lynum
Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 10
Post Office Box 1078
Wildwood, FL 34785-4785

CAN 74383

Dear Mr. Lynum:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received your termination report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable.

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report or notification 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.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the 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,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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