



Summary of Final Board Determination

Stephen Pierson

Candidate, 2013, Council District 33

Program participant: \$92,400 in public funds received

1. Filing a late disclosure statement No Penalty

Campaigns are required to file complete and timely disclosure statements on scheduled dates. *See* N.Y.C. Charter § 1052(a)(8); Admin. Code §§ 3-703(6), (12), 3-708(8); Board Rules 1-09, 3-02. The Campaign filed disclosure statement 16 seven days late.

The Board determined that this was an infraction and did not assess a penalty.

2. Failing to demonstrate that spending was in furtherance of the campaign \$100

Campaigns are required to demonstrate that all spending was in furtherance of the campaign. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(21)(a), (b); 3-703(1)(d), (g), (6), (11); Board Rules 1-03(a), 4-01(e). The Campaign failed to provide sufficient explanation or documentation to show that expenditures of \$350 were made in furtherance of the campaign.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$100 for this violation.

3. Making impermissible post-election expenditures \$257

After an election and before repaying leftover campaign funds to the Board, participants may spend campaign funds only to pay campaign-related expenses incurred in the preceding election and for “routine activities involving nominal cost associated with winding up a campaign and responding to the post-election audit.” *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-702(21)(a)(8), 3-703(1)(d), (g), (6), (11), 3-710(2)(c); Board Rules 1-03(a), 1-08(b), 5-03(e)(2).

The Campaign failed to provide sufficient explanation or documentation to show that \$3,192.27 in post-election expenditures to employees, eFax, Authorize.Net, Bankcard USA, and ATD were routine, nominal expenditures required for winding up the Campaign.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$257 for this violation.