



Summary of Final Board Determination

AUSTIN SHAFRAN

Candidate, 2013, Council District 19

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

1. Failing to file daily pre-election disclosure statements \$100

Aggregate campaign expenditures in excess of \$20,000 made within 14 days of an election must be disclosed to the Board within 24 hours. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(6), (12), 3-708(8), 3-719(1); Board Rules 1-09, 3-02(e).

The Campaign did not file the required daily disclosures to report aggregate expenditures of \$26,373.76 to a single vendor in the two weeks prior to the primary election.

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

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 made expenditures of \$362.74 that were not in furtherance of its campaign.

The Campaign reimbursed its Field Director for car insurance from July through the primary election, but his contract did not require this payment. It also paid a \$50 bonus to each of three employees, but provided no documentation showing that additional work was performed in exchange for the payments or that they were contractually required.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$100 for these violations.

3. Making impermissible post-election expenditures \$100

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 paid its Field Director for car insurance after the primary election through October 2.

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



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4. Exceeding the expenditure limit \$11,984

Candidates who participate in the Campaign Finance Program may not spend in excess of the expenditure limit. *See* Admin. Code §§ 3-703(1)(i), (11), 3-706, 3-711(2)(a); Board Rules 1-08(c), (d), (l), 7-05(b). The expenditure limit for the 2013 primary election was \$168,000.

The Campaign exceeded the primary expenditure limit by \$7,989.93, which is 4.7% over the limit.

The Board assessed a penalty of \$11,984 for this violation.