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By Email and CFB Portal

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**FINAL BOARD DETERMINATION – EC2021T TRANSITION AND INAUGURATION
ENTITY (“TIE”)**

The New York City Campaign Finance Board (the “Board”), at a meeting held on May 15, 2023, concluded that the Mercedes Narcisse transition and inauguration entity (the “TIE”) has failed to comply with the Campaign Finance Act (the “Act”) and Board rules and made the following final determination:

The Board determined that the Candidate and the TIE named above violated the Act and Board rules and are jointly and severally liable for paying \$650 in penalties as follows:

1. A penalty of \$50 for improper use of TIE funds. See Admin. Code §§ 3-801 (1), (2)(c), (6), (7); Board Rules 1-02, 13-03(b).

The TIE reported a donation of \$200 from Jean Cleoplat on January 12, 2022. A deposit slip provided by the TIE indicated that the donation was deposited into the Elected Candidate’s 2021 campaign committee account. These funds thus appear to have been used for purposes other than transition or inauguration expenses.

The Board assessed a \$50 penalty (25% of the amount of the prohibited spending) for this violation.

2. A penalty of \$100 for failing to properly wind down TIE activities. See Admin. Code §§ 3-801 (1), (2)(c), (6), (7); Board Rules 1-02, 13-03(b)(iii), (iv), (c).

As of Disclosure #9 filing on August 5, 2022, the TIE reported \$1,266.55 more in expenditures and liabilities than in donations, including \$47.60 in outstanding liabilities. The deficit persisted past the April 30, 2022, deadline for the TIE to wind down all activities.

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

3. A penalty of \$500 for failing to respond to requests for information or documentation. See Board Rule 13-04.

On March 16, 2022, following the TIE's March 7, 2022, filing, CFB staff requested information related to a number of issues with the TIE's reporting and financial activities. The TIE failed to respond to the March 16 request. These same requests were reiterated in letters sent on April 18, May 20, and June 21, 2022. The TIE did not respond until July 20, when it reported a donation and provided the requested bank statements. The July 20 response did not include the requested documentation and failed to adequately explain the activity.

On September 8, 2022, CFB staff requested additional information related to a donation. The TIE was given until September 15, 2022, to respond. The TIE did not respond to the request.

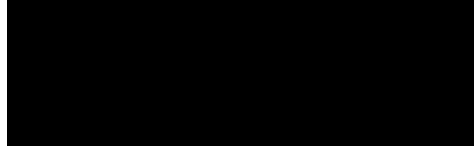
The Board assessed a \$500 penalty (\$250 each for the March 16 and September 8 requests) for this violation.

You must pay to the Board the full amount due of \$650 no later than June 26, 2023. Checks should be made payable to the "New York City Election Campaign Finance Fund," and mailed to the attention of Timothy Jutte, Associate Counsel, New York City Campaign Finance Board, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 3525, New York, NY 10008-3525.

If the Board is not in receipt of the full \$650 by June 26, 2023, the candidate's name and the unpaid amount will be posted on the Board's website and the Board may initiate a civil action against the Elected Candidate and the TIE to compel payment. In addition, you will be ineligible for public funds in any future election until this debt is paid in full.

You may challenge this final determination, within four months, in the New York State Supreme Court pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

If you need additional time to pay this amount or if you have any questions concerning this Final Board Determination, please contact Timothy Jutte, Associate Counsel, at (212) 409-1866 or tjutte@nyccfb.info.



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