



# OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION

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In the matter of:

DYLLON FITE, individually and as candidate,  
for Dyllon Fite's 2020 Campaign,

Respondents.

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Ethics Commission  
Case No. 2021-09

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is between the Oklahoma Ethics Commission ("Commission") and Dyllon Fite, personally and in his named capacity as candidate for Dyllon Fite's 2020 campaign for Oklahoma Senate ("2020 campaign"). This Agreement is conditioned on and will become effective upon approval by the Commission. This Agreement resolves the above-captioned case for all listed Respondents. **It is hereby agreed by the parties hereto:**

1. That the Commission is authorized to initiate investigations on possible violations of the Oklahoma Ethics Rules and to resolve investigations through civil prosecution or Settlement Agreements, pursuant to Article XXIX, Section 4 of the Oklahoma Constitution and 74 O.S., Ch. 62, Appendix I (the "Ethics Rules").
2. That on April 9, 2021, pursuant to Ethics Rule 6.7, the Commission determined there was reasonable cause to believe that one or more violations of the Ethics Rules may have occurred and authorized an investigation in this matter.
3. That Respondent filed a Declaration of Candidacy with the Oklahoma State Election Board for Oklahoma Senate, District 3, in 2020.
4. That Respondent failed to file a Statement of Organization with the Commission in the Guardian System for his 2020 campaign as required by Ethics Rule 2.70.
5. That Respondent failed to disclose to the public the activity of his 2020 campaign by failing to file required reports with the Commission in the Guardian System, including but not limited to, quarterly and pre-election Reports of Contributions and Expenditures, pursuant to Ethics Rules 2.100, 2.101, and 2.103.

6. That state candidates may not purchase gas with campaign funds for personally owned vehicles. If they decide to reimburse are required to reimburse themselves with campaign funds only for the number of miles incurred for purposes of their campaign and at no more than the rate specified in the state Travel Reimbursement Act, in accordance with Ethics Rules 2.43 and 2.45,
7. Respondent acknowledges that he was required to maintain records for all 2020 campaign activity, including mileage logs, invoices, and receipts, as required by Ethics Rule 2.73
8. Respondent acknowledges that he was required to include the proper disclosure, starting with "Authorized and paid for by," on his 2020 campaign materials—including but not limited to, large campaign signs, campaign billboards, and campaign sandwich boards—as required by Ethics Rule 2.56.
9. That Respondent seeks to come into compliance with the Ethics Rules.
10. That, within 14 days the Commission's approval of this agreement, Mr. Fite shall come into compliance with the Ethics Rules and pay a total penalty of \$2,137.08 as follows:
  - a. **File a Statement of Organization with the Commission in the Guardian System to register a 2020 candidate committee for his 2020 campaign and pay the 2020 registration fee of \$100 to the Commission;**
  - b. **File all outstanding reports in the Guardian System to accurately reflect the activity of his 2020 campaign for Oklahoma Senate, including but not limited to, Reports of Contributions and Expenditures;**
  - c. **Dissolve the candidate committee for his 2020 campaign in accordance with the Ethics Rules including, but not limited to, the following:**
    - i. **sell assets, if any, of the 2020 campaign and deposit resulting funds into the depository for the 2020 campaign;**
    - ii. **forfeit any funds remaining in the depository for the 2020 campaign that are not otherwise obligated for campaign debt, including any penalties within this Agreement;**
    - iii. **close the depository account used for the 2020 campaign; and**
    - iv. **file a final Report of Contributions and Expenditures with the Commission in the Guardian System.**
  - d. **Pay the following to the Commission via certified or cashier's check:**

- i. \$500 for failure to register a 2020 candidate committee; and
  - ii. \$1,000 for failure to file reports for the 2020 campaign.
- e. Pay the following to the General Revenue Fund of the State of Oklahoma via certified or cashier's check:
- i. \$287.08 as a penalty for purchasing gas and items for vehicle maintenance with campaign funds;
  - ii. \$250 as a penalty for personally using campaign funds and failing to keep proper records of campaign expenditures;
  - iii. \$100 as a penalty for improper disclosure on campaign signs.
- f. Provide proof of any forfeiture of funds to the general revenue fund and closure of the 2020 campaign depository to Commission within 10 days of the forfeiture of funds and closure of the 2020 campaign depository, respectively.

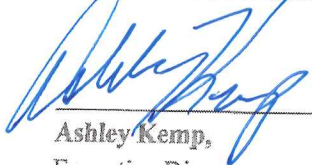
11. That the \$2,137.08 may be reduced to judgment subject to lien, and that said judgment will be enforceable if the completion of payment is not performed within the time period in this Agreement.

12. That Respondent is responsible for any attorney fees and costs incurred by the Commission to enforce this Agreement.

13. That this Agreement is limited to the facts of this case and shall not have binding precedential effect for any other matter currently pending before the Commission or that may come before the Commission at a future date.

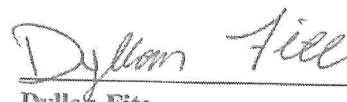
14. That this Agreement resolves all issues in this matter for all Respondents listed in the captioned case.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
 Ashley Kemp,  
 Executive Director

4/10/2022  
 DATE

RESPONDENT:

  
 Dyllon Fite,  
 Individually and as Candidate  
 for Dyllon Fite's 2020 campaign

6/2/22  
 DATE