



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 23, 2025

Daniel P. Reilly, Esq.
11 Hawthorne Ave
Barrington, RI 02806

Re: ADR 1179 (670)
Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Lance Chappell,
Treasurer (C00078196)

Dear Daniel P. Reilly, Esq.:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the Negotiated Settlement resolving the above-shown matter. The Negotiated Settlement was approved by the Commission on January 17, 2025 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note the specific time frames for compliance detailed in the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with each term. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms and contain the ADR case number. For your convenience, a compliance chart is attached.

As you are aware, the Negotiated Settlement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint/referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our negotiations, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Records Office.

This agreement resolves this matter. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Rebollozo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joshua" being more prominent than the last name "Rebollozo".

Joshua A. Rebollozo
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enc: Compliance Chart
Negotiated Settlement

ADR 1179 Compliance Chart

Type	Date Due
Develop and certify the implementation and distribution of a policy document	April 17, 2025
Certify reconciliation of the Committee's accounts	January 17, 2026
Certify that a representative participated in an FEC training	January 17, 2026



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Case Number: ADR 1179

Source: P-MUR 670

Case Name: Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by a *sua sponte* submission filed with the Federal Election Commission (Commission) by the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee. Following review of the matter, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (FECA) and resolve this matter, the Federal Election Commission (FEC or the Commission) entered into negotiations with Daniel P. Reilly, Esq., representing Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee and Lance Chappell, in the official capacity of Treasurer (the Committee or Respondents). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondents addressed the issues raised in this referral. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures (ADR) is guided by "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996," 5 U.S.C. § 572 and is an extension of 52 U.S.C. § 30109.
2. Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. On September 11, 2023, Respondents filed a *sua sponte* submission stating the Committee performed an internal review for its fiscal year between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, which identified a series of bookkeeping errors. The Committee stated it disclosed incorrect cash on hand amounts on its 2023 April Quarterly Report and 2023 July Quarterly Report. The Committee further stated it inadvertently reported a \$1,000 disbursement to a vendor as \$10,000 on its 2022 Pre-General Report. In addition, the Committee stated it also mistakenly failed to report approximately \$192,276 in expenditures and \$38,336 in donations/transfers between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.
4. Each report filed must disclose the amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the reporting period, as well as at the close of the reporting period. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(1), (b)(8); 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a)(1), (b)(1), (d).
5. Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including all receipts and disbursements, pursuant to the FECA. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(2), (4); 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(a)-(b).

6. The Committee states it failed to correctly report its activity between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, because of an unintentional oversight and a series of bookkeeping errors. The Committee states it has since amended its reports, has a new executive director, and has a financial professional with FEC reporting experience to assist in correctly filing its future reports.
7. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to:
 - a. certify that the Committee performed reconciliation of the Committee's accounts for each required FEC report for one year from the effective date of this settlement;
 - b. develop and certify the implementation and distribution of a policy document to be provided to its compliance vendors and staff detailing FEC reporting procedures to ensure timely and accurate reporting within thirty (90) days of the effective date of this settlement; and
 - c. certify that a representative of the Committee participated in an FEC conference, webinar, or other program developed in consultation with the FEC's Information Division within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this settlement.
8. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
9. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
10. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms of this agreement as set out in paragraph 7 above and shall certify compliance with the above settlement terms in writing to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office on or before the date each term becomes due.
11. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 1179 (P-MUR 670), and resolves those issues identified in paragraph 3 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Joshua A. Rebollozo, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office



01/17/2025

Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

Daniel P. Reilly, Esq.
Daniel P. Reilly, Esq. (Dec 19, 2024 15:48 EST)

12/19/2024

Date Signed

Daniel P. Reilly, Esq.
Representing Rhode Island Republican State Central
Committee and Lance Chappell, Treasurer