



# NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLAINT**  
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(919) 814-0700 or  
(866) 522-4723  
Phone

- The North Carolina State Board of Elections (the “Board”) investigates alleged violations of North Carolina’s campaign finance laws (N.C.G.S. § 163-278.22(7)).
- You may use this form to send a complaint about a campaign finance violation to the Board.
- Allegations may lead to a number of remedies, including amended reports, civil penalties, public reprimands, and others (N.C.G.S. § 163-278.34).
- Violations may also be referred to criminal prosecutors (N.C.G.S. § 163-278.27).
- Complaints must be signed and sworn under oath or affirmation (N.C.G.S. § 163-278.22(7)).
- The Executive Director of the Board will notify any individual, candidate, treasurer, political committee, referendum committee, or other entity against whom allegations are made that a complaint has been filed and provide a copy of the complaint (N.C.G.S. § 163-278.23).

## 1 Information About You

Lawrence (Larry) Blank

Name  
[Redacted]

Address  
[Redacted]

City  
[Redacted]

State  
[Redacted]

Zip Code  
[Redacted]

E-Mail Address

Telephone Number

## 2 Nature of the Complaint

Identify the individual, political committee, or other entity that you believe may have violated specific provisions of North Carolina’s campaign finance laws:

North Brunswick Republican Club, Committee to Elect Dr. Erik E. Tammaru

Provide the date(s) the alleged violation occurred:

February 21, 2024 / ongoing

Identify the section(s) of Chapter 163, Article 22A or Article 22M you believe may have been violated:

G.S. § 163-278.39

Provide the names of other people who may have information that would support your allegations:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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Description of  
the Violation

Please describe the activity you are complaining about.

Be as specific as you can, including by providing relevant dates, times, locations, and types of potential violations. If your complaint involves specific campaign finance reports, please provide the name and date of the report. Please provide as much detail as possible and attach any documentation, including copies of advertisements, that supports your claim. Article 22A, *Regulating Contributions and Expenditures in Political Campaigns*, can be found at N.C.G.S. §§ 163-278.10 to 163-278.40J. Article 22M, *Legal Expense Funds*, can be found at N.C.G.S. §§ 163-278.300 to 163-278.320. To the extent you can pinpoint which conduct has violated which specific sections, that will greatly accelerate an investigation by the Board's staff. **Attach additional pages if needed.**

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**Signature &  
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*I hereby swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury and other penalties established by North Carolina law, that the information provided in this complaint is true, correct, complete, and of my own personal knowledge, or if not, I believe the information to be true based upon:*

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**X**

Signature of Complainant

Date

State of North Carolina, County of \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me,

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary Public:

*Notary Stamp or Seal*

Printed Name of Notary Public:

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_



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X *Rebecca Blah*

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2/23/24

Date

State of North Carolina, County of Brunswick

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me,  
This 23 day of February, 202024

Signature of Notary Public:  
D. Maria Flores Tapia

Printed Name of Notary Public:  
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My Commission Expires June 8<sup>th</sup> 2027

**D. MARIA FLORES TAPIA**  
Notary Public  
Brunswick Co., North Carolina  
My Commission Expires June 8, 2027

Notary Stamp or Seal

From: eet59 <eet59@protonmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 9:51 AM  
To: eet59@protonmail.com  
Subject: I need your help!

Dear Conservative friends!

Tomorrow the early voting begins in Brunswick County for the republican primary. I can really use your help the next couple of weeks.

1. I need folks who are willing to work outside at the polls to pass out info and a voting slate. If you can come even for an hour or two I'd really appreciate it. Please respond below with the date(s) you can work and at which voting station. I hear from Pat Sykes that early voting has been big in BC so we need these days covered.
2. My campaign funds are almost fully exhausted. I've been running Facebook ads which have been highly effective (over 15,000 reached so far, with thousands going to my webpage.) But with 20 days to go at \$25/day I can really use your help. If you can send anything to help [please click here to donate online](#):

**POLL VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP**

Early voting is at: (name your place below)

**Brunswick County Cooperative Extension**- 25 Referendum Drive NE, Building N, Bolivia, NC, 28422

- **Leland Cultural Arts Center** - 1212 Magnolia Village Way, Leland, NC, 28451
- **Brunswick Center at Southport** - 1513 N Howe Street, Southport, NC, 28461
- **Brunswick Center at Shallotte** - 3620 Express Drive, Shallotte, NC, 28470
- **Sunset Beach Community Center**- 200 Station Trail, Sunset Beach, NC, 28468

I'll work at \_\_\_\_\_  
Thursday 2/15 Time \_\_\_\_\_ (1-2 hour slots)  
Friday 2/16 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Monday 2/19 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Tuesday 2/20 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Wednesday 2/21 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Thursday 2/22 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday 2/23 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Monday 2/26 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Tuesday 2/27 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Wednesday 2/28 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Thursday 2/29 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday 3/1 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday 3/2 Time \_\_\_\_\_

Primary day  
Tuesday 3/5 Time \_\_\_\_\_ Which precinct can you cover? \_\_\_\_\_

[This is my newest ad](#) on facebook all about taxes. Please take a look and share with all your friends.

Kind regards,

Erik E. **Tammaru**  
Candidate for Brunswick County Commissioner

*Common Sense Leadership - No Status Quo in '24!*



WISE VOTING IN THE PRIMARY EQUALS PATRIOTIC CANDIDATES IN NOVEMBER

**2024 Primary Conservative  
★ Candidate Recommendations ★**

- US President  
*Donald J Trump*
- NC Governor  
*Mark Robinson*
- NC Lieutenant Governor  
*Allen Mashburn OR Seth Woodall*
- NC Auditor  
*Jeff Tarte*
- NC Commissioner of Agriculture  
*Colby (Bear) Hammonds OR Steve Troxler*
- NC Commissioner of Insurance  
*Mike Causey*
- NC Commissioner of Labor  
*Luke Farley*
- NC Secretary of State  
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District 4

*Steve Barger*

Brunswick County Register of Deeds

*Dana Varnam*

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## North Brunswick Republican Club Online Group

Private group · 51 members

Join group

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### About this group

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Private

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.



**Tammaru Erik**



Works at Candidate for Brunswick County Commissioner

Add friend

Message

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 **Visible**

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 **History**

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 **Leland, North Carolina**

### Members · 51



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# Statement of Organization - Candidate Committee

Is this statement:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended

Use this form to create a new or update an existing candidate committee.  
 This form must be accompanied by form CRO-3500. An amended form is required for each new election year.

1. Committee Information			
a. Name of Committee		d. ID Number	
COMMITTEE TO ELECT DR. ERIK E. TAMMARU			
b. Mailing Address (Include City, State, and Zip Code)		e. Date Organized	
[REDACTED]		04/25/2023	
c. Committee Website (Optional)		f. Phone Number	
		[REDACTED]	
2. Candidate Information			
a. Full Name		e. Party Affiliation	
DR. ERIK E. TAMMARU		REPUBLICAN	
b. Mailing Address (Include City, State, and Zip Code)		f. Office Sought	
[REDACTED]		COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DIST 5	
c. Phone Number		g. Next Election Year	h. Jurisdiction
[REDACTED]		2024	BRUNSWICK COUNTY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email copy of report notices			
3. Treasurer Information		4. Assistant Treasurer Information	
a. Full Name		a. Full Name	
WILLIAM E. HALL			
b. Mailing Address (Include City, State, and Zip Code)		b. Mailing Address (Include City, State and Zip Code)	
[REDACTED]			
c. Phone Number		d. Email Address	c. Phone Number
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
Send report notices by email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Email copy of report notices	
5. Custodian of Books Information (Keeper of Records)		6. Account Information (incl. CRO-3100)	
a. Full Name		a. Financial Institution Full Name	
		CORNING CREDIT UNION	
b. Mailing Address (Include City, State, and Zip Code)			
c. Phone Number		d. Email Address	b. Account Code
			[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/> Email copy of report notices		c. Type	
		CHECKING	
<p>I certify that the Committee is in compliance with all applicable provisions of Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes and that no funds are commingled with prohibited or other non-disclosed funds. I further certify that this report is complete, true and correct.</p> <p> <span>WILLIAM E. HALL</span> <span><i>William E. Hall</i></span> <span>12/15/2023</span>              Printed Name of Treasurer                      Signature of Appointed Treasurer                      Date         </p> <p>I certify that the information above is correct, and I, as the candidate, appoint said treasurer to personally fulfill the duties and responsibilities imposed upon the appointed treasurer and subject to the penalties in Article 22A of Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.</p> <p> <span>_____</span> <span><i>_____</i></span> <span>_____</span>              Printed Name of Candidate                      Signature of Candidate                      Date         </p>			

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# Statement of Organization - Party Committee

Amendment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Use this form to create a new or update an existing party committee.

This form must be accompanied by form CRO-3500 (when amending, only re-submit if applicable)

1. Committee Information	
a. Full Name NORTH BRUNSWICK REPUBLICAN CLUB	c. ID Number STA-QABGSZ-C-001
b. Mailing Address (include City, State and Zip Code) PO BOX 281 LELAM, NC 28451	d. Date Organized 1/13/14
NC STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS	
e. Phone Number [REDACTED]	

2. Party Information	
a. Type <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliated (Caucus) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subordinate	b. Party Name REPUBLICAN

3. Treasurer Information		4. Custodian of Books Information	
a. Full Name [REDACTED]	a. Full Name SANDRA C HALL	b. Mailing Address (include City, State, and Zip Code) [REDACTED]	b. Mailing Address (include City, State, and Zip Code) [REDACTED]
c. Phone Number [REDACTED]	d. Email Address [REDACTED]	c. Phone Number [REDACTED]	d. Email Address [REDACTED]

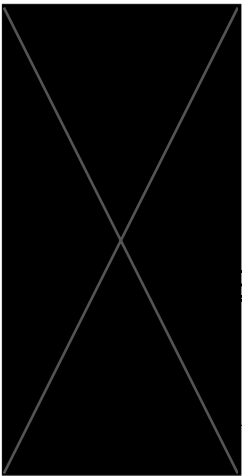
I prefer to receive notices by email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Email copy of notices	
5. Assistant Treasurer Information		6. Account Information (incl. CRO-3500)	
a. Full Name [REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	a. Financial Institution Full Name FIRST BANK	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove
b. Mailing Address (include City, State, and Zip Code) 10 WATERFORD BUSINESS CENTER WAY BELVILLE, NC 28451		b. Purpose CHECKING ACCOUNT	
c. Phone Number (910) 383-3955	d. Email Address [REDACTED]	c. Account Code	d. Type BUSINESS ESSENTIALS CHECKING
<input type="checkbox"/> Email copy of notices			

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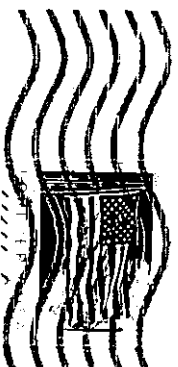
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 Printed Name of Signer                      Signature of Appointed Treasurer                      Date

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