

## Harris, Sheryll

---

**From:** Harris, Sheryll  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 11:31 AM  
**To:** 'ralph@ralphhise.com'  
**Subject:** FW: Flynn vs Hise complaint  
**Attachments:** image2017-03-10-111741.pdf; Hise.docx

---

**From:** Harris, Sheryll  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 11:29 AM  
**To:** Harris, Sheryll <sheryll.Harris@ncsbe.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Flynn vs Hise complaint

Senator Hise,

You might also want your treasurer to amend (Statement or Org) CRO 2100A to reflect your correct phone number and email addresses.

Thanks,


Sheryll

*Sheryll Allen Harris*

Compliance Specialist

P O Box 27255, Raleigh NC 27611-7255

 [sheryll.harris@ncsbe.gov](mailto:sheryll.harris@ncsbe.gov)

 919-715-8309 or Fax 919-715-8047



*E-mail correspondence to and from this address may be subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties by an authorized state official.*

**From:** [No.Reply@ncsbe.gov](mailto:No.Reply@ncsbe.gov) [mailto:[No.Reply@ncsbe.gov](mailto:No.Reply@ncsbe.gov)]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 11:02 AM  
**To:** Harris, Sheryll <[sheryll.Harris@ncsbe.gov](mailto:sheryll.Harris@ncsbe.gov)>  
**Subject:** Flynn vs Hise complaint

**greg flynn**

2826 Barmettler Street  
Raleigh NC 27607

March 8, 2017

Ms Kim Westbrook Strach, Executive Director,  
State Board of Elections  
441 N Harrington St  
Raleigh NC 27603

RECEIVED

MAR 08 2017

re: Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee  
Campaign finance, various violations.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Ms Strach,

I am an active registered voter in Wake County. I respectfully submit a formal complaint regarding the Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee which appears to violate various campaign finance law requirements:

- 1) Excess repayment of personal loans.
- 2) Incomplete contributor information.
- 3) Un-itemized disbursements.
- 4) Irregular entries.

**1) Excess repayment of personal loans.**

A review of all campaign finance documents since initial organization shows evidence of 17 individual personal loans from Ralph E Hise Jr totaling \$50,694.37 and evidence of 39 loan repayments to Ralph E Hise Jr totaling \$61,020.98, an excess repayment of \$10,326.61.

16 of the 17 loans are clearly documented. One in the amount of \$268.88 is simply a line item on the 2016 Q2 Summary.

29 of the 39 repayments are clearly documented and are attributed to specific loans.

Two more documented repayments are attributed to a single loan but represent an excess payment of \$1,600 for that loan. This appears to be an attempt to account for another loan of \$1,540.53 dated 6/30/12 which had been omitted from the running total of Outstanding Loans. That total was adjusted by \$1,600 in the 2013 S1 Summary, technically an overpayment of \$59.47.

One loan repayment is not itemized. It appears as a downward adjustment of \$4,758.00 in Outstanding Loans in the 2014 Q2 Summary. In the same report there was an upward adjustment of \$4,258.00 in Loan Repayments (the exact amount of one loan).

The seven most recent loan repayments are itemized as Disbursements, not as Loan Repayments, with remarks "Loan Repayment" and are not attributed to any specific loans.

An audit could verify these amounts. Based on evidence in the submitted reports it would be reasonable to infer that there has been an excess repayment to Ralph E Hise Jr in the amount of \$10,326.61.

**2) Incomplete contributor information.**

Reports for the past two years contain no record of occupation or employer for individual contributors, and the most recent report contains no address information for them. Prior reports inconsistently record this information.

cont.

re: Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee  
Campaign finance, various violations.

RECEIVED

MAR 08 2017

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

3) Un-Itemized disbursements

There are three recent disbursements in rounded amounts that raise questions as to specific campaign purpose in the absence of itemized data:

07/08/16	\$3,600.00	Energy Savers, Spruce Pine
10/13/16	\$1,000.00	Ralph E Hise Jr, Campaign suppli
10/13/16	\$1,000.00	Ralph E Hise Jr, Campaign reimb

4) Irregular entries.

In addition to anomalies noted above there is a lack of continuity between Expenditures recorded in the 2014 Q1 Report Summary and the Amended 2014 Q2 Report Summary. There is an unexplained downward revision of the election cycle total for Contributions to Candidates/ Political Committees and corresponding upward revisions of election cycle totals for Operating Expenditures and for Loan Repayments. This appears to suggest adjustments made to reconcile unrecorded payments.

From Amended 2014 Q2 Report through 2015 S2 Report the campaign recorded the same amount of Outstanding Loans, \$6,900.25. In 2015 a total of \$6,000.00 was repaid but in 2016 Q1 Report the Outstanding Loan amount was only reduced by \$5,500.00. By the 2016 Q2 Report no Outstanding Loan amounts were listed even as "repayments" continued.

I ask that the Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee be audited to verify and document transactions and, if found to be non-compliant, that appropriate penalties be imposed.

Upon information and belief, I attest and affirm that the foregoing is a truthful statement of the facts, as I know them.

Sincerely,

Greg Flynn

State of NC  
County of Wake

Subscribed to and sworn before me on this  
8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017

My commission expires: Dec 5, 2021

Abigail Clark  
Notary Public





# NORTH CAROLINA

VOTE

## State Board of Elections

*Mailing Address:*  
P.O. Box 27255  
Raleigh, NC 27611-7255

Phone: (919) 733-7173  
Fax: (919) 715-0135

**KIM WESTBROOK STRACH**  
*Executive Director*

March 10, 2017

Ralph Hise for NC Senate

Attn: Senator Hise

Via email: ralph@ralphhise.com

Dear Senator Hise:

We are in receipt of a complaint filed by Greg Flynn alleging violations of election laws by the Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee. A copy of the complaint is attached. The State Board of Elections has the duty of investigating complaints of alleged violations of election laws. In order to timely address these issues, we ask that if you choose to provide a response, please do so no later than March 20, 2017.

In submitting a response, you may file any materials you believe pertinent, but we ask that any information that is supplied be filed under oath and notarized. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 919-715-8309. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Sheryll Allen Harris*

Sheryll A. Harris  
Compliance Specialist

Encl. Complaint

## Harris, Sheryll

---

**From:** Harris, Sheryll  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 12:10 PM  
**To:** 'ralph@ralphhise.com'  
**Subject:** FW: Flynn vs Hise Amended complaint March 15 2017  
**Attachments:** image2017-03-21-122327.pdf

Senator Hise,

Please see the attached amended complaint.


Thanks.


Sheryll

*Sheryll Allen Harris*

Compliance Specialist

P O Box 27255, Raleigh NC 27611-7255

 [sheryll.harris@ncsbe.gov](mailto:sheryll.harris@ncsbe.gov)

 919-715-8309 or Fax 919-715-8047



*E-mail correspondence to and from this address may be subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties by an authorized state official.*

**From:** No.Reply@ncsbe.gov [mailto:No.Reply@ncsbe.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 12:08 PM  
**To:** Harris, Sheryll <sheryll.Harris@ncsbe.gov>  
**Subject:** Flynn vs Hise Amended complaint March 15 2017

**greg flynn**

2826 Barmettler Street  
Raleigh NC 27607

March 15, 2017

Ms Kim Westbrook Strach, Executive Director,  
State Board of Elections  
441 N Harrington St  
Raleigh NC 27603

RECEIVED

MAR 15 2017

re: Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee  
Campaign finance, various violations.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Ms Strach,

On March 8<sup>th</sup> I submitted a formal complaint regarding the Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee which appears to violate various campaign finance law requirements. I wish to amend that complaint with additional information.

- 4) Irregular entries (continued)
- 5) Non-reporting of certain PAC contributions

**4) Irregular entries**

The following entry appears to be a non-permitted contribution as there is no corresponding itemized expenditure record that represents spending to be refunded:

12/09/13	\$1,500.00	University of NC, Refund from China trip
----------	------------	--

**5) Non-reporting of certain PAC contributions**

The following payments to the Ralph Hise committee have been reported by various PACs but have not been reported by the Ralph Hise committee. I have reviewed reports for these PACs and have not found corresponding returned checks or voided contributions.

08/06/12	\$500.00	Health Network Solutions PAC
09/26/12	\$4,000.00 <sup>a</sup>	Branch Banking & Trust Comp of NC PAC
10/05/12	\$250.00	EmergeOrtho PA PAC (fka Triangle Orthopaedic Assoc PA PAC)
12/14/12	\$200.00	Natl Fed of Independent Business NC PAC
01/02/14	\$500.00 <sup>b</sup>	NC Voters for Animal Welfare
07/21/16	\$1,000.00 <sup>c</sup>	NC Chiropractic Assn Inc PAC
08/19/16	\$2,000.00	Duke Energy Corp PAC
09/12/16	\$250.00	Charter Communications NC PAC
09/14/16	\$1,000.00	NC Orthopaedic Assn PAC

a) May have been wrongly entered by the Ralph Hise committee as an excess contribution of \$4,000 from Eli Lilly & Comp PAC, but not reported by that committee

b) Electronic Funds Transfer

c) There is also a voided check entry on 07/21/16 of \$1,000.00 but that appears to relate to a 02/01/16 \$1,000.00 contribution also not recorded by the Ralph Hise committee.

Attached is a table of loans and repayments to supplement the original complaint. I again ask that the Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee be audited to verify and document transactions and, if found to be non-compliant, that appropriate penalties be imposed.

Upon information and belief, I attest and affirm that the foregoing is a truthful statement of the facts, as I know them.

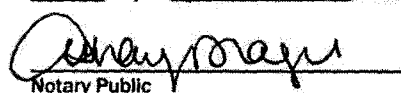
Sincerely,

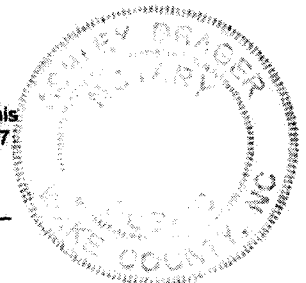
  
Greg Flynn

State of NC )  
County of Wake )

Subscribed to and sworn before me on this  
15 day of March, 2017

My commission expires: 10/30/2017

  
Notary Public



Encs.

greg@gregflynn.org

919-649-6429

Ralph Hise for NC Senate Committee

Date	Loan	Repay	*Paid off	Balance
08/29/09	A 50.00			50.00
10/10/09	B 763.21			813.21
10/26/09	C 500.00			1,313.21
04/08/10	D 6,228.50			7,541.71
06/30/10	E 1,448.58			8,990.29
09/17/10		50.00	A*	8,940.29
09/17/10		250.00	C	8,690.29
10/16/00	F 10,456.25			19,146.54
11/12/10		585.00	E	18,561.54
12/14/10		500.00	B*	18,061.54
12/14/10		6,228.50	D*	11,833.04
12/14/10		513.21	C*	11,319.83
12/31/10	G 2,834.90			14,154.73
02/20/11		863.58	E*	13,291.15
02/20/11		136.42	F	13,154.73
06/30/11	H 1,441.99			14,596.72
10/28/11		600.00	F	13,996.72
12/19/11		1,000.00	F	12,996.72
12/31/11	I 1,009.43			14,006.15
01/20/12		800.00	F	13,206.15
03/13/12		250.00	F	12,956.15
03/20/02		1,000.00	F	11,956.15
04/21/12	J 1,788.88			13,745.03
05/18/12		800.00	F	12,945.03
06/30/12	K 1,540.53			14,485.56
07/20/12		800.00	F	13,685.56
09/10/12		1,000.00	F	12,685.56
10/19/12		100.00	F	12,585.56
07/01/12	L 4,318.42			16,903.98
11/07/12		2,500.00	F	14,403.98
11/30/12		1,469.83	F*	12,934.15
11/30/12		1,030.17	G	11,903.98
12/20/12		1,804.73	G*	10,099.25
12/20/12		695.27	H	9,403.98
12/31/12	M 4,758.10			14,162.08
01/28/13		2,346.72	H*+1,600	11,815.36
03/18/13		1,788.88	J*	10,026.48
03/18/13		1,009.43	I*	9,017.05
04/05/13		4,318.42	L*	4,698.63
04/05/13		1,636.55	M	3,062.08
06/30/13	N 6,607.67			9,669.75
08/19/13		2,000.00	M	7,669.75
09/22/13		750.00	M	6,919.75
12/31/13	O 2,421.03			9,340.78
01/17/14		371.55	M*	8,969.23
01/17/14		1,628.45	N	7,340.78
04/15/14	P 4,258.00			11,598.78
Adj Q2/14		4,758.00		6,840.78
01/12/15		2,000.00		4,840.78
02/20/15		2,000.00		2,840.78
10/05/15		2,000.00		840.78
03/15/15		3,936.27		-3,095.49
05/19/16		3,000.00		-6,095.49
Q2/16	Q 268.88			-5,826.61
07/08/16		2,000.00		-7,826.61
12/17/16		2,500.00		-10,326.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50,694.37</b>	<b>61,020.98</b>		<b>-10,326.61</b>

RECEIVED

MAR 15 2017

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## Harris, Sheryll

---

**From:** ralph@ralphhise.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** Harris, Sheryll  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Flynn vs Hise Amended complaint March 15 2017

Ms. Harris,

I am in receipt of the attached complaint. My treasurer is not able to assist at this time, so I am retaining Amy Ellis to do an internal audit. I am requesting 45 additional days to respond.

Best regards,  
Ralph E. Hise Jr.  
www.RalphHise.com  
*Paid for by Ralph Hise for NC Senate*

----- Original Message -----

Subject: FW: Flynn vs Hise Amended complaint March 15 2017  
From: "Harris, Sheryll" <sheryll.Harris@ncsbe.gov>  
Date: Tue, March 21, 2017 12:09 pm  
To: "ralph@ralphhise.com" <ralph@ralphhise.com>

Senator Hise,

Please see the attached amended complaint.


Thanks.

Sheryll

*Sheryll Allen Harris*

Compliance Specialist  
P O Box 27255, Raleigh NC 27611-7255

 [sheryll.harris@ncsbe.gov](mailto:sheryll.harris@ncsbe.gov)

 919-715-8309 or Fax 919-715-8047

*E-mail correspondence to and from this address may be subject to the North Carolina Public Records Law and may be disclosed to third parties by an authorized state official.*

**From:** [No.Reply@ncsbe.gov](mailto:No.Reply@ncsbe.gov) [mailto:[No.Reply@ncsbe.gov](mailto:No.Reply@ncsbe.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 12:08 PM  
**To:** Harris, Sheryll <[sheryll.Harris@ncsbe.gov](mailto:sheryll.Harris@ncsbe.gov)>  
**Subject:** Flynn vs Hise Amended complaint March 15 2017