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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

7 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
8 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 80248

FINAL ORDER

9 AIOMANU BETTY PATU,
10 Respondent.
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14 This matter was heard remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
15 (Commission) on March 25, 2021, by telephonic and online streaming access. Commission Staff
16 requested a full Commission hearing of this matter due to the Respondent's repeated violations.
17 The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37
18 WAC.

19 Commissioners present both telephonically and online were Fred Jarrett, Commission
20 Chair (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; Commissioner Bill Downing, and
21 Commissioner Russell Lehman. Also present both telephonically and online were Assistant
22 Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General
23 Chad Standifer, representing PDC Staff, and Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance
24 Coordinator. Respondent Aiomanu Betty Patu did not appear on her own behalf. The proceeding
25 was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-28 *et seq.* and recorded.
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1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 2 1. Case memorandum dated March 25, 2021, prepared by Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC
3 Compliance Coordinator;
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- 5 2. Hearing Notice sent to Respondent on March 11, 2021, for Adjudicative Proceedings
6 on March 25, 2021;
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- 8 3. F-1 Report covering calendar year 2016, filed June 23, 2017;
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- 10 4. PDC Case 38970 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Imposing Fine,
11 dated October 5, 2018.
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13 I. FINDINGS OF FACT

14 The matter involves alleged repeat violations of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely
15 file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) no later than April 15, 2019, and April
16 15, 2020, for calendar years 2018 and 2019 respectively. The case is being heard pursuant to
17 RCW 34.05.482(1)(c), and WAC 390-37-143(4-5) which require review by the full Commission.
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19 1. Aiomanu Betty Patu served as School Director for Seattle School District 001 for
20 the term November 7, 2017, through July 1, 2019.

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22 2. In March and April of 2019, PDC staff emailed eight reminders to the Respondent
23 regarding her missing F-1 report for calendar year 2018. As of the date of hearing on
24 March 25, 2021, the Respondent has not filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2018, that
25 was due April 15, 2019.
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2 3. In April and May of 2020, PDC staff emailed three reminders to the Respondent
3 regarding her missing F-1 report for the calendar year 2019. On June 17, 2020, PDC
4 staff emailed a warning letter to the Respondent regarding her missing F-1 report for
5 calendar year 2019. As of the date of the hearing on March 25, 2021, the Respondent
6 has not filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2019, that was due April 15, 2020.
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8 4. From July 27, 2020, through October 7, 2020, PDC staff made telephone calls
9 to elected and appointed officials and to representatives in the jurisdictions in which
10 they serve, reminding them of their missed obligation to file the F-1 report covering the
11 calendar year 2019.
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13 5. On March 11, 2021, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email and by mail to
14 the address of record, with a hearing notice for an adjudicative proceeding on March
15 25, 2021, before the full Commission concerning her failure to file the F-1 reports. The
16 emailed notice was also sent to a second email address the jurisdiction provided to PDC
17 staff in February, 2021.
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19 6. The PDC has had no contact from the Respondent concerning the late F-1
20 reports. The last F-1 report received from the Respondent covered the 2016 calendar
21 year and was filed on June 23, 2017.
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23 7. The Respondent has one prior violation of RCW 42.17A.700 within the past
24 five years (PDC Case 38970). In that matter, the Respondent failed to file an F-1 report
25 for calendar year 2017, that was due no later than April 16, 2018. At a September 24,
26 2018, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding the Respondent was found in violation of RCW

1 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty. As of the date of the hearing on March 25,
2 2021, the Respondent has not paid the outstanding \$250 civil penalty for PDC Case
3 38970 and the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2017 has not been filed.
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5 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

6 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
7 42.17A RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the
8 Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.
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10 **III. ORDER**

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12 As a result of Respondent's failure to file the required F-1 reports, and after consideration
13 of the mitigating and aggravating factors, and the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law,
14 the Commission finds the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to timely file her F-
15 1 reports for calendar years 2018 and 2019, and is assessed a civil penalty of \$500. This Order
16 will be the Final Order.
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18 1. The \$500 civil penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order.
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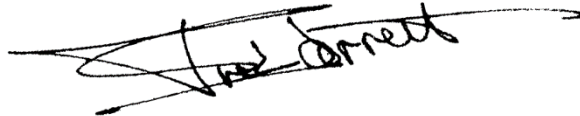
20 2. The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2018 and 2019 shall be filed within
21 30 days of the date of this Order.
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23 3. In the event the Respondent fails to pay the \$500 civil penalty within 30 days of
24 the date of the Order, PDC staff are directed to refer the matter to collections
25 without further action of the Commission.
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2 SO ORDERED this 20th day of April, 2021.

3 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
4 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

5 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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9 Fred Jarrett,
Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

10 *This order sent by email to:*

11 Aiomanu Betty Patu, Respondent
12 abpatu@gmail.com ;
13 6001 S. Hazel St.
14 Seattle, WA 98178

15 Tabatha Blacksmith,
16 PDC Compliance Coordinator,
17 Tabatha.Blacksmith@pdc.wa.gov

18 I, Tabatha Blacksmith, certify that I emailed a copy of
19 this order to the Respondent at her respective email
20 address.

21 electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith 4/20/2021
22 Signed Date

23 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

24 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
25 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
26 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
27 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
28 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

29 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

30 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
31 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
32 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
33 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.