

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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March 11, 2021

Jonathon Rodeback 184 Elk Heights Dr Castle Rock, WA 98611

And delivered electronically to <u>jonathonrodeback@gmail.com</u>

Subject: PDC Order, Case 80261

Dear Jonathon Rodeback,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Final Order on Request for Review that was entered in the above-referenced case. At the February 25, 2021 Review hearing, the Commission reaffirmed the \$250 civil penalty assessed at the December 17, 2020 Brief Enforcement Hearing in accordance with WAC 390-37-143. The \$250 penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order.

The \$250 penalty is payable no later than <u>April 12, 2021</u>. Please make the check or money order payable to the WA State Treasurer, and mail the payment to the following:

Public Disclosure Commission PO Box 40908 Olympia, WA 98504-0908

You were also ordered to file the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2019 within 30 days of the date of the Initial Order, which was **February 10, 2021**.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Tabatha Blacksmith

PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action Against:

PDC CASE NO. 80261

JONATHON RODEBACK,

FINAL ORDER ON REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Respondent.

This matter was heard remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) on February 25, 2021, by telephonic and online streaming access. Jonathon Rodeback (Respondent) requested review of the Presiding Officer's Order issued on December 17, 2020, following a Brief Enforcement Hearing (Brief Adjudicative Proceeding) in this matter. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

Commissioners present both telephonically and online were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; Commissioner Bill Downing, and Commissioner Russell Lehman. Also present both telephonically and online were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer, representing PDC Staff, Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance Coordinator, and Respondent Jonathon Rodeback appearing on his own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-28 *et seq.* and recorded.

The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

1. Case memorandum dated February 25, 2021, prepared by Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC

Compliance Coordinator;

- 2. Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice, PDC Case 80261, served November 17, 2020;
- 3. Initial Order Imposing Fine, entered December 17, 2020, and served January 11, 2020;
- 4. Respondent's request for Review, dated February 3, 2021;
- 5. Review Enforcement Hearing Notice, served February 11, 2021, and staff email

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The matter involved Respondent's request that the Commission review an Initial Order issued on January 11, 2021, resulting from an Initial Hearing on December 17, 2020, regarding Jonathan Rodeback, a School Director for Toutle Lake School District 130, for the term January 1, 2020 through the present. The Respondent has no prior violations with the PDC. The Presiding Officer at the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding found the Respondent in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) no later than April 15, 2020, as required. At the December 17, 2020, Brief Enforcement Hearing an Order imposing a \$250 penalty was entered, which the Respondent requests the Commission review.

The basis of Respondent's Request for Review was that he was unaware of the filing requirement, would not have applied to serve if he had known of the requirement, was willing to resign his position in lieu of filing, and was concerned that disclosing his assets and investments could hurt his small business.

1. Between February and May of 2020, PDC staff sent nine emails to elected and appointed officials reminding them of their responsibility to file F-1 reports. These reminders were sent to the contact emails provided by filers on their PDC reports. From July 27, 2020, through October 7, 2020, PDC staff also began contacting elected

and appointed officials and representatives in their jurisdiction by phone regarding their missing reports.

- 2. On July 17, 2020, PDC staff sent warning letters by electronic and U.S. mail to elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for the calendar year 2019. The warning letters were mailed to the addresses provided by filers on their PDC reports.
- 3. A Hearing Notice was mailed to the Respondent to his address of record on November 17, 2020, for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to be held December 17, 2020.
- 4. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing on December 17, 2020, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and was assessed a \$250 penalty consistent with WAC 390-37-143, the Brief Enforcement Hearing penalty schedule adopted by the Commission.
- 5. On January 11, 2021, PDC staff served the Initial Order memorializing the Commission's ruling by electronic mail and U.S. mail to the contact email address and U.S. mail address provided by the Respondent.
- 6. On February 3, 2021, the Respondent contacted PDC staff by email to appeal the December 17, 2020 Order. He indicated he would not be filing an F-1 report and, as of the date of the hearing, no report had been filed.

9. PDC staff served Respondent with a hearing notice on February 11, 2021 for the February 25, 2021 Review Hearing.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
 42.17A RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the
 Administrative procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

III. ORDER

As a result of Respondent's failure to file the required F-1 report, and after consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the \$250 civil penalty assessed at the December 17, 2020, Initial Hearing is AFFIRMED. This Order on Review will be the Final Order.

- 1. The \$250 civil penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order.
- 2. In the event the Respondent fails to pay the \$250 civil penalty within 30 days of the date of the Order, PDC staff are directed to refer the matter to collections without further action of the Commission.

1	SO ORDERED this 11th day of March, 2021.	
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12		I, <u>Tabatha Blacksmith</u> , certify that I emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective email address.
13	This order sent by email to:	Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith 3/11/21
14	Jonathon Rodeback, Respondent	Signed Date
15	jonathonrodeback@gmail.com	
16	Tabatha Blacksmith,	
17	PDC Compliance Coordinator <u>Tabatha.Blacksmith@pdc.wa.gov</u>	
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20	NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW	
21	You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for	
22	Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final	
23	Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of	
24	the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.	
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