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

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

9 OSCAR CASADOS,
10 Respondent.
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PDC CASE NO. 93968

FINAL ORDER ON REQUEST
FOR RECONSIDERATION

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13 This matter was heard at a Special Meeting of the Washington State Public Disclosure
14 Commission (Commission) on October 12, 2021, by telephonic and online streaming access.
15 Oscar Casados (Respondent), requested reconsideration of the Presiding Officer's Order, issued
16 following a Brief Enforcement Hearing (Brief Adjudicative Proceeding) held July 15, 2021. The
17 hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37
18 WAC.

19 Commissioners present were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair (presiding); Nancy Isserlis,
20 Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing and Allen Hayward. Also
21 present both telephonically and online were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader
22 representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer, representing PDC
23 Staff, and Jennifer Hansen, PDC Compliance Officer. The Respondent appeared on his own
24 behalf with the assistance of his Representative, Jeri Casados. The proceeding was open to the
25 public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-28 *et seq.* and recorded.

26 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

1. Case memorandum dated October 12, 2021, prepared by Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
2. Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice, served June 28, 2021;
3. Initial Order Imposing Fine, PDC Case #93968, entered August 12, 2021;
4. Respondent's email correspondence, dated August 19, 2021;
5. F-1 report covering calendar year 2020, filed September 17, 2021;
6. Respondent's request for reconsideration, dated September 30, 2021;
7. Reconsideration Hearing Notice, served October 4, 2021.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

This matter involves Oscar Casados (Respondent), a Parks and Recreation Commissioner for Adams County Parks and Recreation District 1 during calendar year 2020. His term ended on December 31, 2020. During a Brief Enforcement Hearing held on July 15, 2021, Respondent was found to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) no later than April 15, 2021. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing an Order imposing a \$250 civil fine, with \$150 suspended, was entered. The Respondent has no prior violations of RCW 42.17A.700 with the PDC.

1. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2020 was required to file an F-1 report, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2020, no later than April 15, 2021.

2. In March and April of 2021, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.

3. On May 12, 2021, PDC staff emailed a warning notice regarding the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2020. The notice was sent to the Respondent's email address of record.

4. On June 28, 2021, PDC staff emailed a hearing notice for a July 15, 2021, Brief

1 Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to Respondent's email address of record.

2 5. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing held on July 15, 2021, the Respondent was
3 found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file the F-1 report no later than April
4 15, 2021. Respondent was assessed a \$250 penalty consistent with WAC 390-37-143, the Brief
5 Enforcement Hearing penalty schedule adopted by the Commission. The Presiding Officer
6 suspended \$150 of the \$250 penalty conditioned upon the Respondent filing the missing F-1
7 report and paying the non-suspended \$100 penalty within 30 days of the Initial Order being
8 served.

9 6. On August 17, 2021, PDC staff served the Initial Order to the Respondent's email
10 address of record.

11 7. On August 19, 2021, the Respondent emailed PDC staff stating that he resigned
12 his position effective December 30, 2020.

13 8. On September 15, 2021, PDC staff received two voice mail messages from Jeri
14 Casados stating the Respondent had three strokes at the beginning of 2020, and subsequent
15 cognitive issues prevented him from filing the F-1 report. She indicated she might be able to
16 assist him in filing the report.

17 9. The F-1 report was filed covering calendar year 2020 on September 17, 2021.

18 10. On September 30, 2021, the Respondent's Representative submitted written
19 materials to PDC staff appealing the August 12, 2021 Initial Order based on the Respondent's
20 significant and ongoing medical issues.

21 11. On October 4, 2021, PDC staff served the Respondent by email with a hearing
22 notice for a October 12, 2021 Reconsideration Hearing before the Public Disclosure Commission
23 along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.

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II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 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.

2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2020 that was due no later than April 15, 2021.

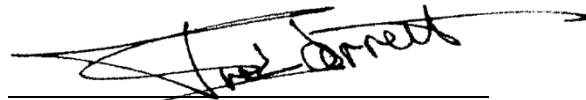
II. ORDER

The Request for Reconsideration is GRANTED. This Order on Reconsideration will be the Final Order. The civil penalty of \$250, with \$150 suspended, assessed by the July 15, 2021, order is VACATED.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of November, 2021.

WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

FOR THE COMMISSION:



Fred Jarrett,
Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

This order sent by email to:
Oscar Casados, Respondent
ocasados63@yahoo.com
Jeri Casados, Representative
jericasados@outlook.com

Jennifer Hansen,
PDC Compliance Officer,
Jennifer.Hansen@pdc.wa.gov

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

e-signed Tabatha Blacksmith
Signed

November 9, 2021
Date

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3 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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