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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator 2

Date: October 5, 2021

Subject: Darla Mullins; PDC Case 93987; Reconsideration Hearing

Matter for Reconsideration:

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

Background:

- Darla Mullins (the “Respondent”) served as School Director for White Pass SD 303 during calendar year 2020. Her current term expires December 31, 2023.
- The Respondent has no prior violations of RCW 42.17A.700 with the PDC.
- 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.
- Between February and May of 2021, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020
- On May 11, 2021, PDC staff emailed warning letters to elected and appointed official regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.

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- On June 28, 2021, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a hearing notice for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to be held on July 15, 2021. The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's email address-of-record, dmullins@whitepass.k12.wa.us.
- On August 17, 2021, PDC staff served the Initial Order memorializing the Commission's ruling, by email, to the contact email address-of-record, dmullins@whitepass.k12.wa.us and darjean1955@gmail.com.
- The Respondent has not filed the F-1 report covering calendar year 2020 activity as of the date of this memo, October 5, 2021.
- PDC Staff emailed the Respondent the hearing notice for the Reconsideration Hearing on October 4, 2021.

Request for Reconsideration:

- On September 5, 2021, the Respondent, submitted written materials to PDC staff to appeal the August 16, 2021 Order.
- On October 4, 2021, the Respondent, submitted written statement for the request for reconsideration to PDC Staff, stating technical issues with her school district email.