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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 DARLA MULLINS,  
10 Respondent.  
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PDC CASE NO. 93987

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 Darla Mullins (Respondent), requested review of the Presiding Officer's Order, issued following  
16 a Brief Enforcement Hearing (Brief Adjudicative Proceeding) held July 15, 2021. The hearing  
17 was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

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

25 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 26 1. Case memorandum dated October 5, 2021, prepared by Tabitha Townsend, PDC

1 Compliance Coordinator;

2 2. Brief Adjudicative Proceeding Hearing Notice emailed June 28, 2021;

3 3. Initial Order, served August 17, 2021;

4 4. Respondent's requests for Reconsideration dated September 5, 2021 and October 4,  
5 2021;

6 5. Reconsideration Hearing Notice emailed October 4, 2021;

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9 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

10 This matter involves Darla Mullins (Respondent), a School Director for White Pass  
11 School District during calendar year 2020. The Respondent's term expires on December 31,  
12 2023. During a Brief Enforcement Hearing held on July 15, 2021, Respondent was found to  
13 have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement  
14 (F-1 Report) no later than April 15, 2021. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing an Order imposing  
15 a \$250 civil fine, with \$150 suspended, was entered. The Respondent has no prior violations of  
16 RCW 42.17A.700 with the PDC.

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18 1. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in  
19 2020 was required to file an F-1 report, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2020,  
20 no later than April 15, 2021.

21 2. Between February and May of 2021, PDC staff emailed a warning notice  
22 regarding the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2020. The notice was sent to the Respondent's  
23 email address of record.

24 3. On May 11, 2021, PDC staff emailed warning letters to elected and appointed  
25 officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.

26 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 September 5, 2021, Respondent submitted written materials to PDC staff  
12 appealing the August 12, 2021, order. On October 4, 2021, Respondent submitted a  
13 supplemental written statement requesting reconsideration due to technical issues with her  
14 school district email account.

15 8. PDC staff emailed Respondent the Reconsideration Hearing Notice on October  
16 4, 2021, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.

17 9. The Respondent filed the missing 2020 F-1 report covering calendar year 2020  
18 activity on October 11, 2021.

## 19 20 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

21 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter  
22 42.17A RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the  
23 Administrative procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

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

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SO ORDERED this 8th day of November, 2021.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

~~Not correct~~

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Fred Jarrett,  
Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

Darla Mullins, Respondent  
darjean1955@gmail.com

Tabitha Townsend,  
PDC Compliance Coordinator,  
[pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov)

I, Tabitha Townsend, certify that I emailed and mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective email and mailing addresses.

<u>Electronically Signed Tabitha Townsend</u>	<u>11/9/2021</u>
Signed	Date

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