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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 MAUREEN McKEE,  
10 Respondent.  
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PDC CASE NO. 94132

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 Maureen McKee (Respondent), requested reconsideration of the Presiding Officer's Order,  
16 issued following a Brief Enforcement Hearing (Brief Adjudicative Proceeding) held July 15,  
17 2021. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter  
18 390-37 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 her own  
24 behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-28 *et*  
25 *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 29, 2021;
3. Initial Order Imposing Fine, PDC Case #94132, entered August 12, 2021;
4. F-1 report covering calendar year 2020, filed September 20, 2021;
5. Respondent's request for reconsideration, dated September 20, 2021;
6. Reconsideration Hearing Notice, served October 4, 2021.

### **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

This matter involves Maureen McKee (Respondent), a Judge for King County Superior Court during calendar year 2020. Her current term expires on December 31, 2021. 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 13, 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 29, 2021, PDC staff emailed a hearing notice for a July 15, 2021 Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to Respondent's email address of record.

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

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

10          7.       On September 20, 2021, Respondent filed the F-1 report covering calendar year  
11 2020 activity.

12          8.       On September 20, 2021, the Respondent submitted written materials to PDC staff  
13 appealing the August 12, 2021 Initial Order based on the Respondent's significant medical  
14 condition and ongoing treatment that frustrated compliance.

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

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## 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.

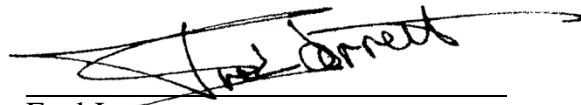
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2 **II. ORDER**

3 The Request for Reconsideration is GRANTED. This Order on Reconsideration will be  
4 the Final Order. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and the \$250 civil penalty, with  
5 \$150 suspended, assessed by the July 15, 2021 order is VACATED.

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7 SO ORDERED this 8th day of November, 2021.

8 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC  
9 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

10 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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12 Fred Jarrett,  
Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

13 *This order sent by email to:*  
14 Maureen McKee, Respondent  
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17 Jennifer Hansen,  
PDC Compliance Officer,  
18 [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov)

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

e-signed Tabatha Blacksmith

Signed

November 9, 2021

Date

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21 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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