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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 SHEILA SISNEY,
10 Respondent.
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PDC CASE NO. 94202

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 Sheila Sisney (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 6, 2021, prepared by Tabitha Townsend, PDC

1 Compliance Coordinator;

2 2. Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice served June 25, 2021;

3 3. Initial Order Imposing Fine, entered August 17, 2021;

4 4. F-1 report covering calendar year 2020, filed August 17, 2021;

5 5. Respondent's request for reconsideration, dated August 17, 2021;

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

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8 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

9 This matter involves Sheila Sisney (Respondent), a School Director for Darrington
10 School District #330 during calendar year 2020. She resigned from her position on November
11 19, 2020. During a Brief Enforcement Hearing held on July 15, 2021, Respondent was found to
12 have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement
13 (F-1 Report) no later than April 15, 2021. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing an Order imposing
14 a \$250 civil fine, with \$150 suspended, was entered. The Respondent has no prior violations of
15 RCW 42.17A.700 with the PDC.

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

20 2. Between February and May of 2021, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected
21 and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.

22 3. On May 11, 2021, PDC staff emailed a warning notice regarding the missing F-1
23 report for calendar year 2020. The notice was sent to the Respondent's email address of record.

24 4. On June 30, 2021, PDC staff emailed a hearing notice for a July 15, 2021, Brief
25 Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to Respondent's email address of record.

26 5. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing held on July 15, 2021, the Respondent was

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

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

9 7. On August 17, 2021, Respondent filed the F-1 report covering calendar year 2020
10 activity.

11 8. On August 18, 2021, the Respondent spoke to PDC staff and requested appeal of
12 the August 16, 2021, Initial Order based on her daughter's serious health condition that frustrated
13 compliance.

14 15 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

16 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
17 42.17A RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the
18 Administrative procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

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20 2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file the F-1
21 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:

~~Lawrence~~

This order sent by email to:
Sheila Sisney, Respondent
sheila sisney@darringtonrx.com
ssisney@dsd.k12.wa.us

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

NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

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.