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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 THOMAS STANTON,  
10 Respondent.  
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PDC CASE NO. 94214

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 Thomas Stanton (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 his 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 Adjudicative Proceeding Hearing Notice, emailed June 30, 2021;
3. Initial Order Imposing Fine, served August 12, 2021;
4. Financial Affairs Statement (CY 2020), filed September 15, 2021;
4. Respondent's request for Reconsideration, dated September 15, 2021;
5. Reconsideration Hearing Notice, emailed October 4, 2021;

## I. FINDINGS OF FACT

This matter involves Thomas Stanton (Respondent), a Fire Commissioner for Chelan Fire Protection District #3 during calendar year 2020. The Respondent's term expires on December 31, 2025. 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 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.

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 30, 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.

5. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing held on July 15, 2021, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file the F-1 report no later than April 15, 2021. Respondent 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.

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

7. On September 15, 2021, Respondent submitted written materials to PDC staff appealing the August 12, 2021, Order based on his email account being hacked in December, 2020. He had reported the issue to the Fire District but did not let the PDC know until September 16, 2021.

8. The Respondent filed the missing 2020 F-1 report covering calendar year 2020 activity on September 15, 2021.

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

## 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.

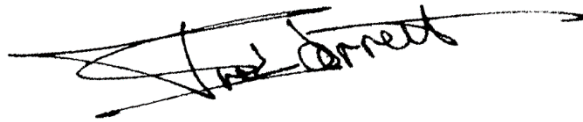
### III. ORDER

The Request for Reconsideration is DENIED. This order shall be the Final Order. The civil penalty of \$250, with \$150 suspended, issued at the July 15, 2021 hearing is affirmed.

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:*

Thomas Stanton, Respondent  
[trilogysail@protonmail.com](mailto:trilogysail@protonmail.com)

Jennifer Hansen,  
PDC Compliance Officer,  
[Jennifer.hansen@pdc.wa.gov](mailto: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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2 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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