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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
Against:

JEAN JONES,

Respondent.

PDC CASE NO. 95383

FINAL ORDER ON REQUEST
FOR REVIEW

This matter was heard remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) on October 28, 2021, by telephonic and online streaming access. Respondent Jean Jones requested review of the Presiding Officer’s Order entered on September 15, 2021, following a Brief Enforcement Hearing (Brief Adjudicative Proceeding) on August 12, 2021, in this matter. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

Commissioners present both telephonically and online were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing and Allen Hayward. Also present both telephonically and online were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer representing PDC Staff, and Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and she appeared on her own behalf. The proceeding

1 was open to the public as limited by Governor’s Proclamation 20-25 *et. seq.* and recorded.

2 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 3 1. Case memorandum dated October 28, 2021, prepared by Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC
- 4 Compliance Coordinator;
- 5 2. Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice, served July 20, 2021;
- 6 3. Candidate Registration, filed July 24, 2021;
- 7 4. Personal Financial Affairs Statement, filed August 4, 2021;
- 8 5. Initial Order Imposing Fine, served September 15, 2021;
- 9 6. Respondent’s request for Review, dated October 1, 2021.
- 10 7. Review Hearing Notice, served October 18, 2021.

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12 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

13 The matter involved Respondent’s request that the Commission review an Initial Order
14 entered on September 15, 2021, resulting from an Initial Hearing on August 12, 2021, regarding
15 Jean Jones, a candidate for School Director of Kiona Benton School District 052 during election
16 year 2021. The Presiding Officer at the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding found the Respondent in
17 violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to timely file a Candidate Registration (C-1 Report)
18 and RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1
19 Report) with the Public Disclosure Commission no later than June 4, 2021. At the August 12,
20 2021, hearing, the Presiding Officer imposed a \$300 penalty, with \$100 suspended, which the
21 Respondent now requests the Commission review. The Respondent has no prior violations with
22 the PDC.

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- 24 1. In May and June of 2021, PDC staff sent email reminders to all candidates for
- 25 election year 2021 regarding their missing C-1 Report, F-1 Report, or both.
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- 1 2. On June 17, 2021, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a Warning Notice
2 regarding the C-1 and F-1 Reports. The hearing notice was sent to the
3 Respondent's email address-of-record.
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- 5 3. On July 20, 2021, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a hearing notice for a
6 Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to be held on
7 August 12, 2021. The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's email
8 address-of-record.
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- 10 4. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing held on August 12, 2021, the Respondent
11 was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 and .700 for failure to timely file
12 the missing C-1 and F-1 Reports no later than June 4, 2021, and was assessed a
13 \$300 penalty consistent with WAC 390-37-143, the Brief Enforcement Hearing
14 penalty schedule adopted by the Commission. The Presiding Officer suspended
15 \$100 of the \$300 penalty conditioned upon the Respondent filing the missing C-
16 1 and F-1 reports and paying the non-suspended \$200 penalty within 30 days of
17 the Initial Order being entered.
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- 19 5. On September 15, 2021, the Respondent was served with the Initial Order
20 memorializing the Commission's ruling to the Respondent's email address-of-
21 record.
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- 23 6. The Respondent filed the C-1 report on July 24, 2021 and the F-1 Report on
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7. On October 1, 2021, the Respondent submitted written materials appealing the September 13, 2021 Order because she was unaware of the filing requirement as a first time candidate, she filed the reports after she received notice from the PDC, and was unable to attend the August 12, 2021 hearing due to having to attend her husband's medical appointment.

7 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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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. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.205, a candidate for election year 2021 was required to file a C-1 Report within two weeks of candidacy or no later than June 4, 2021.
 3. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, a candidate for election year 2021 was required to file an F-1 Report, disclosing financial information for the prior twelve months, within two weeks of candidacy or no later than June 4, 2021.

18 **III. ORDER**

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This Order on Review will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Initial Hearing Order assessing a \$300 civil penalty, with \$100 suspended, is MODIFIED as follows:

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1. Respondent Jean Jones is assessed a total civil penalty of \$300, with \$200 suspended, on the following conditions:

1 a. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC reporting
2 requirements and is not found to have committed any further violations
3 of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years of the date
4 of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based
5 solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified
6 by the Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.
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8 2. If the Respondent fails to make timely payment of the suspended portion of the
9 civil penalty (\$100) in full within 30 days, the total civil penalty shall
10 immediately become due without further action by the Commission.
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12 SO ORDERED this 16th day of November 2021.

13 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
14 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

15 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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17 Fred Jarrett,
18 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

19 *This order sent by email to:*

20 Jean Jones, Respondent
21 Jeankenj@frontier.com

22 Tabatha Blacksmith,
23 PDC Compliance Coordinator,
24 tabatha.blacksmith@pdc.wa.gov
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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 16, 2021
Date

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3 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

4 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
5 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
6 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
7 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
8 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

9 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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