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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A

PDC Case 102548

Russell, Rick,

Respondent.

Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions of Law, and  
**Order Imposing Fine**

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to Rick Russell on January 14, 2022, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on February 17, 2022, remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission, to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for the twelve months preceding candidacy, which was due to be filed within two weeks of candidacy or no later than June 4, 2021.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW, 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commissioner Fred Jarrett was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Compliance Coordinators Tabatha Blacksmith and Tabitha Townsend. The Respondent participated in the hearing by telephone.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was a candidate for School Director of Granger School Dist. 204.
2. As a candidate, the Respondent was required to file an F-1 report within two weeks of candidacy or by June 4, 2021.
3. The Respondent filed the F-1 report after the hearing notice, but before the enforcement hearing.
4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened, and all jurisdictional, substantive, and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file the F-1 report within two weeks of candidacy or by June 4, 2021.

ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of \$100, in accordance with the candidate F-1 penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143.**
2. **It is further ordered that the Respondent:**
  - a. **Pay the \$100 civil penalty within 30 days of the date of this Order. If the Respondent fails to pay the \$100 within 30 days, PDC staff is directed to refer the matter to collections.**

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 4th of March, 2022.

Public Disclosure Commission

Electronically signed by Peter Lavallee  
Peter Lavallee  
Executive Director

I, Tabatha Blacksmith, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective address postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein, and by email.

Electronically Signed Tabatha Blacksmith  
Signed

March 4, 2022  
Date

## APPEALS OF INITIAL ORDER

### REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION

You may request that the full Commission review this initial order. To seek review, you must:

- Make the request by email, stating the reason for review, and identifying what alleged errors are contained in the initial order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(1).
- All requests for review must be submitted electronically to [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov) **REQUESTS FOR REVIEW MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE THIS INITIAL ORDER WAS ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED TO YOU.**

If review of this initial order is timely requested, the full Commission will hear the matter. If the Commission is unable to schedule a meeting to consider the request within twenty (20) calendar days, this initial order becomes a final order, and any request for review will automatically be considered a request for reconsideration of a final order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(4). The matter would then be scheduled for consideration and disposition at the next Commission meeting at which it is practicable to do so.

A Respondent does not need to pay a penalty until after the Commission rules on a request for review of an initial order.

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### FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

If the Commission does not receive a request for review of this initial order within twenty-one (21) calendar days, the initial order shall be the FINAL ORDER. *See* WAC 390-37-142(7).

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A FINAL ORDER TO SUPERIOR COURT, PURSUANT TO THE PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PROVISIONS OF RCW 34.05.542.**