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Memorandum

Allogation	
Subject:	Jonathon Rodeback Enforcement Hearing Memorandum; PDC Case 102996
Date:	March 24, 2022
From:	Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Coordinator
To:	Public Disclosure Commission

Allegation:

Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff alleges that Jonathon Rodeback, a School Director for Toutle Lake School District 130, violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2020 that was due no later than April 15, 2021.

Background:

- Jonathon Rodeback (the "Respondent") has served as School Director for Toutle Lake School District 160 since January 1, 2020 and currently holds this office.
- 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 personal financial information for calendar year 2020, no later than April 15, 2021.
- 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.
- On May 12, 2021, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a warning notice regarding the missing F-1 report. The notice was sent to the Respondent's email address-of-record, which is a personal Gmail email.
- On March 14, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email and mail, with a hearing notice for a March 14, 2022 Enforcement Hearing before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning his failure to file the F-1 report.

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• As of March 17, 2022, the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2020 that was due no later than April 15, 2021.

Prior Violation of RCW 42.17A.700:

The Respondent has one prior violation of RCW 42.17A.700 that occurred within the last five years:

Prior Violation (PDC Case 80261)

- The Respondent failed to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2019, which was due no later than April 15, 2020.
- On December 17, 2020, a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) was held, in which the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty for failing to file an F-1 report, which was due no later than April 15, 2020. PDC staff served the Initial Order to the Respondent, by email and mail, on January 11, 2021.
- Between January 26, 2021 and March 22, 2021, PDC staff sent the Respondent a total of six emails including requests for the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2019.
- On February 3, 2021, the Respondent sent two emails to the PDC wherein he requested an appeal, indicated a willingness to resign his position, and refused to file the required F-1 report.
- Per the Respondent's request, a Review hearing was held before the full Commission on February 25, 2021. Upon review, the Commission AFFIRMED its findings, conclusions, and penalty assessed from the December 17, 2020 Brief Enforcement Hearing.
- On April 28, 2021, an unidentified employee of Toutle Lake School District 160 called the PDC and said the Respondent stated he had not filed his F-1 report and would never file an F-1 report in the future. The caller was concerned about how the Respondent's refusal to file the F-1 report would impact the school district.
- As of March 17, 2022, the Respondent has not filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2019 or paid the \$250 civil penalty for PDC Case 80261. The penalty has been sent to collections.

Staff Recommendations:

- Staff recommends the Commission find that the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2020;
- Assess the Respondent a civil penalty per WAC 390-37-182, the full adjudicatory proceeding penalty schedule, made payable within 30 days of the date of the Order. The base penalty range for a 2nd occasion where the F-1 report is not filed is \$1,000-\$2,000; and

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• Order the Respondent to file an F-1 report covering calendar year 2020 within 30 days of the date of the Order.