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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Jordan Campbell, Compliance Coordinator

Date: May, 18 2022

Subject: Jessie Deardorff Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 108249

Allegations:

PDC staff alleges that Jessie Deardorff, an incumbent School Board Director for Ferndale School District 502, violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2020 and 2021, due not later than April 15, 2021 and April 15, 2022 respectively.

Background and Prior Violations:

- Jessie Deardorff was most recently elected School Board Director for Ferndale School District 502, in 2019.
- Between March 3rd and April 28th 2021, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.
- Between March 10th and April 26th 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
- On April 18, 2022 Compliance staff emailed and mailed a warning letter to the respondent's email and mailing address of record.
- On May 12, 2022 PDC staff mailed and emailed the respondent a Hearing notice regarding the missing reports for calendar year 2020 and 2021. This hearing notice was sent to the respondent's email and address of record.
- As of the time of this memo, the respondent has not yet filed a report covering Calendar 2020 or 2021.

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First Violation (PDC Case 80263): (Exhibit 3)

- The Respondent, who was an elected School Board Director for Ferndale School District 502, failed to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2019, which was due no later than April 15, 2020.
- At a December 17th, 2020 Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty.
- The Respondent paid the \$250 civil penalty for case 80263 on March 11, 2021.
- In addition, the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2019 has not been filed.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission find that Jessie Deardorff violated 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2020 and 2021, and:

- 1. Assess Jessie Deardorff a civil penalty between \$2000 for the outstanding 2020 and the filed 2021 F-1 report as laid out in WAC 390-37-182 the penalty schedule for a respondent on their second violation who did not file the report in question before the hearing, which is payable within 30 days of the date of the Order.
- 2. Require Jessie Deardorff to file the missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2020 and 2021 within 30 days of the date of the Order.