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June 9, 2022

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Subject: PDC Order, Case 108252

Dear William (Beau) Burkett,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the May 26, 2022 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of **\$10,000** of which **\$4,000** is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The **\$6,000** non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **July 9, 2022**.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and mail the payment to the following address:

Public Disclosure Commission  
PO Box 40908  
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

It is also ordered that you file the missing F1 reports for calendar years **2017, 2018, 2019** and **2021** within 30 days of this order.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violations.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov)

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend  
PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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

9 In re the Matter of Enforcement Action  
10 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 108252

11 WILLIAM (BEAU) BURKETT,

FINAL ORDER

12 Respondent.  
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14 **I. INTRODUCTION**

15 This matter was heard in-person and remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure  
16 Commission (Commission) on May 26, 2022, by telephonic and online streaming access. The  
17 hearing was held pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW, Chapter 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37  
18 WAC.

19 Commissioners present were Nancy Isserlis, Acting Commission Chair (presiding); and  
20 Commissioners William Downing, Allen Hayward, and Jocelyn Cooney. Also present were  
21 Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney  
22 General Chad Standifer representing Commission staff, and Tabitha Townsend, Compliance  
23 Coordinator, on behalf of PDC Staff. Respondent William (Beau) Burkett did not appear on his  
24 own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-  
25 28 *et seq.* and recorded.

26 The hearing concerned allegations that William (Beau) Burkett violated

1 RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report)  
2 disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2021 that was due no later than  
3 April 15, 2022.

4 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 5 ○ Case Memorandum for PDC Case No. 108252 prepared by Tabitha Townsend and dated  
6 May 18, 2022;
- 7 ○ Exhibit 1: Respondent's Secretary of State Candidate Listing for election year 2021;
- 8 ○ Exhibit 2: Respondent's election year 2021 Candidate F-1, filed October 27, 2021, and  
9 associated filing history printout;
- 10 ○ Exhibit 3: Warning letter for PDC Case 108252, dated April 26, 2022;
- 11 ○ Exhibit 4: Hearing Notice for PDC Case 108252, dated May 12, 2022;
- 12 ○ Exhibit 5: Respondent's balance owed for civil fines, dated May 16, 2022;
- 13 ○ Exhibit 6: PDC Case 95222, Order Imposing Fine, dated November 16, 2021;
- 14 ○ Exhibit 7: PDC Case 80176, Order Imposing Fine, dated March 11, 2021;
- 15 ○ Exhibit 8: PDC Case 38794, Order Imposing Fine, dated November 20, 2018.

## 16 17 **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

18 1. William (Beau) Burkett is currently the elected Mayor for the City of Buckley.  
19 His term began on January 1, 2022, and ends December 31, 2025. He registered to run for Mayor  
20 on May 17, 2021. He was also a City Council Member for the City of Buckley with his term  
21 starting in 2015 and expiring on December 31, 2019. He did not hold or run for office in 2020.

22 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, as an elected official the Respondent was  
23 required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement not later than April 15, 2022, disclosing  
24 financial activities for calendar year 2021. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has  
25 failed to timely file the required report.  
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1           3.       From March 10, 2022, through April 26, 2022, PDC staff emailed reminders to  
2 elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.

3           4.       On April 26, 2022, PDC staff sent the Respondent a warning notice concerning  
4 the missing F-1 report to his addresses and email of record.

5           6.       On May 12, 2022, PDC staff mailed and emailed the Respondent with a hearing  
6 notice for a May 26, 2022, Adjudicative Proceeding (Enforcement Hearing) before the full  
7 Public Disclosure Commission concerning Respondent's failure to file the F-1 report. The  
8 hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's email and address of record.

9           7.       As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed his F-1 report for  
10 calendar year 2021 that was due April 15, 2022.

11          8.       There is currently an outstanding balance owing of \$3,850 from prior civil  
12 penalties assessed on six cases for violations of RCW 42.17A.700:

- 13                   ○ \$1,000 for PDC Case 95222;
- 14                   ○ \$1,000 for PDC Case 80176;
- 15                   ○ \$500 for PDC Case 38794;
- 16                   ○ \$1,000 for PDC Case 22221
- 17                   ○ \$250 for PDC Case 10036;
- 18                   ○ \$100 for PDC Case 16-242.

19          9. Prior violations of RCW 42.17A.700 within the last five years:

20           a) First Violation, PDC Case No. 38794:

- 21                   • The Respondent failed to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2017, which  
22                   was due no later than April 16, 2018.
- 23                   • Respondent was assessed a civil penalty of \$500 for the missing F-1 report in  
24                   accordance with the F-1 penalty schedule in effect at the time.

25           b) Second Violation, PDC Case No. 80176:

- 26                   • The Respondent failed to file F-1 reports for calendar years 2018 and 2019, which  
                      were due no later than April 15, 2019, and April 15, 2020, respectively.

- At a February 25, 2021, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$1,000 penalty for failing to file the required F-1 reports.

c) Third Violation, PDC Case 95222:

- At an October 28, 2021, Brief enforcement Hearing, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to timely file an F-1 report covering the prior twelve months from May 17, 2020, to May 16, 2021, which was due within two weeks of becoming a candidate or not later than June 4, 2021.
- The Respondent was assessed a penalty of \$1,000 for the missing F-1 report in accordance with the F-1 penalty schedule in effect at the time.

### III. 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. Based on the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and hearing testimony, the Commission concludes:

- a. William (Beau) Burkett violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file F-1 financial reports for the year 2021.

### IV. ORDER

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that:

1. Respondent William (Beau) Burkett is assessed a total civil penalty of \$10,000, with \$4,000 suspended on the following conditions:
  - a. The \$6,000 non-suspended portion of the civil penalty due for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2021 in violation of RCW

1 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this  
2 Final Order.

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4 b. The past due civil penalties for failure to timely file the F-1  
5 reports for calendar years 2017, 2018, and 2019, in violation of RCW  
6 42.17A.700, totaling \$2,850 and currently in collection are paid by the  
7 Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.

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9 c. The past due civil penalty for failure to timely file the F-1 report  
10 within two weeks of becoming a candidate for the prior twelve months  
11 from May 17, 2020, to May 16, 2021, in violation of RCW 42.17A.700,  
12 totaling \$1,000 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of this Final  
13 Order.

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15 d. The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, and  
16 2021, are filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.

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18 e. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC  
19 reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further  
20 violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years  
21 of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be  
22 assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or  
23 error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a  
24 technical correction.

25 2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section IV(1) of this order  
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1 within 30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for  
2 calendar year 2021 shall immediately become due without further action by the  
3 Commission.

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5 So ORDERED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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7 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC  
8 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

9 FOR THE COMMISSION:

10 *Electronically Signed by Nancy Isserlis*

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12 Nancy Isserlis  
Acting Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

13 *Copy of this Order mailed and/or emailed to:*  
14 William (Beau) Burkett, Respondent,  
[mtngoat@icloud.com](mailto:mtngoat@icloud.com); [bburkett@cityofbuckley.com](mailto:bburkett@cityofbuckley.com);

15 Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator, PDC Staff  
16 [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov);

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18 I, Tabitha Townsend, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at his  
19 respective email and mailing address postage pre-paid on the date stated herein.

20 *Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend*      June 9, 2022  
21 Signed      Date

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2 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

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

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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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