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To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator 2

Date: May 18, 2022

Re: Mayor, William (Beau) Burkett, PDC Case 108252

Agenda Item

PDC staff is alleging that William (Beau) Burkett, is the Mayor for the City of Buckley, violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) due no later than April 15, 2022, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2021.

Background

- William (Beau) Burkett is the elected Mayor for City of Buckley. His term started January 1, 2022 and ends December 31, 2025.
- William (Beau) Burkett was a City Councilmember for the City of Buckley, with his term starting in 2015. This term expired on December 31, 2019.
- The Respondent did not hold or run for an office in 2020.
- The Respondent registered to run for Mayor of the City of Buckley on May 17, 2021.
- As an elected official, the Respondent was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) in accordance with RCW 42.17A.700 not later than April 15, 2022, disclosing financial activities for calendar year 2021. As of the date of this memorandum, no F-1 report has been filed by Mr. Burkett.
- As of the date of this memo the last F-1 filed by Mr. Burkett was dated October 27, 2021 (Candidate F-1 filing for the 2021 election cycle, covering reporting period May 17, 2020 - May 16, 2021).
- Between March 10th and April 26th of 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 report for calendar year 2021.

- On April 26, 2022, PDC staff sent a warning letter to the Respondent concerning the missing F-1 report to the addresses and email of record.
- On May 12, 2022, PDC Staff served Mr. Burkett with the hearing notice for the May 26, 2022, full hearing to the addresses and email of record.
- There is currently an outstanding balance owing of \$3,850 from prior penalties assessed on six prior cases for violations of RCW 42.17A.700;
 - \$1,000 for PDC Case 95222
 - \$1,000 for PDC Case 80176
 - \$500 for PDC Case 38794
 - \$1,000 for PDC Case 22221
 - \$250 for PDC Case 10036
 - \$100 for PDC Case 16-242

No payments have been received on these penalties to date. \$2,850 is placed with collection agency currently.

Prior PDC Enforcement History

- PDC Case 95222: At the October 28, 2021, Brief Enforcement hearing, Mr. Burkett was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 by 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 no later than June 4, 2021. Mr. Burkett was assessed a penalty of \$1,000 for the missing F-1 report, in accordance with F-1 penalty schedule adopted by the Commission which was in effect at the time.
- PDC Case 80176: At the February 25, 2021, Brief Enforcement hearing, Mr. Burkett was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file an F-1 reports for calendar year 2018 and 2019, which were due not later than April 15, 2019 and April 15, 2020 respectively. Mr. Burkett was assessed a penalty of \$1,000 for the missing F-1 reports, in accordance with F-1 penalty schedule adopted by the Commission which was in effect at the time.
- PDC Case 38794: At the October 25, 2018, Brief Enforcement Hearing, Mr. Burkett was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2017, which was due not later than April 16, 2018. Mr. Burkett was assessed a penalty of \$500 for the missing F-1 report, in accordance with F-1 penalty schedule adopted by the Commission which was in effect at the time.

Staff Recommendation/Comments

Staff recommends the Commission find that William (Beau) Burkett violated 42.17A.700 by failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2021, and:

1. Assess Mr. Burkett a civil penalty of at least \$3,000 up to \$10,000 as the Commission is allowed per the authority of [WAC 390-37-182](#), with the penalty being payable within 30 days of the date of the Order.
2. Order Mr. Burkett to file his required PDC report for calendar year 2021 in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(4) within 30 days of the date of the Order.