

# State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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# Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Coordinator

Date: June 23, 2022

Subject: Jonathon Rodeback Enforcement Hearing Memorandum; PDC Case 108755

## **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 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.

## **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 2021 was required to file an F-1 report, disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2021, no later than April 15, 2022.
- From March 10, 2022 through April 5, 2022, PDC staff emailed reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
- On May 11, 2022, 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 June 13, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by mail, with a hearing notice for a June 23, 2022 Enforcement Hearing before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning his failure to file the F-1 report. The notice was emailed to the Respondent on June 14, 2022.
- As of June 15, 2022, the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.

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## **Prior Violations of RCW 42.17A.700:**

The Respondent has two 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, entered January 11, 2021, 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 June 15, 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.

## Prior Violation (PDC Case 102996)

- The Respondent failed to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2020, which was due 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 sent the Respondent a warning notice regarding the missing F-1 report to the Respondent's email address-of-record.

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- On March 14, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email and mail, with a hearing notice for a March 24, 2022 Enforcement Hearing before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning his failure to file the F-1 report.
- At an Adjudicative Proceeding (Enforcement Hearing) held on March 24, 2022, the Commission found the Respondent in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$2,000 penalty for failing to file the F-1 report that was due no later than April 15, 2021. PDC staff served the Final Order, entered April 6, 2022, to the Respondent, by email and mail, on April 26, 2022.
- As of June 15, 2022, the Respondent has not filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2020 or paid the \$2,000 civil penalty for PDC Case 102996. The penalty has not 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 2021;
- Assess the Respondent a civil penalty per <u>WAC 390-37-182</u>, the full adjudicatory proceeding penalty schedule, made payable within 30 days of the date of the Order. The base penalty range for a 3rd occasion where the F-1 report is not filed is \$2,000-\$3,000; and
- Order the Respondent to file an F-1 report covering calendar year 2021 within 30 days of the date of the Order.