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**Memorandum**

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Jordan Campbell, Compliance Coordinator

Date: September 14, 2022

Subject: Natalie Marx Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 109821

**Allegations:**

PDC staff alleges that Natalie Marx (The Respondent), a former County Treasurer for Douglas County violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2021, due not later than April 15, 2022.

**Background and Prior Violations:**

- Natalie Marx was a County Treasurer for Douglas County who's term ended October 12, 2021.
- Between March 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> 2021, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.
- Between March 10<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 sent out warnings to filers who had not filed F-1 reports for both 2020 and 2021.
- On August 11, 2022 PDC staff mailed and emailed the respondent a Hearing notice regarding the missing report for calendar year 2021. This hearing notice was sent to the respondent's email and address of record.
- As of September 14, 2022 the Respondent (has not) filed an F-1 covering calendar year 2021.

### **Prior Violations**

#### **First Violation (PDC Case 94161):**

- The Respondent, who was an elected County Treasurer for Douglas County, failed to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2020, which was due no later than April 15, 2021
- At a July 15, 2021 Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the outstanding \$250 civil penalty for case 94161.
- In addition, the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2020 has not been filed.

### **Additional Information**

- Per WAC 390-37-143(5), cases “will automatically be scheduled before the full commission for an enforcement action when the respondent:
  - (a) Was found in violation during a previous reporting period;
  - (b) The violation remains in effect following any appeals; and
  - (c) The person has not file the disclosure forms that were the subject of the prior violation at the time the current hearing notice is being sent.”

### **Staff Recommendation:**

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

1. Assess the Respondent a civil penalty for a second occasion of a violation where the report was not filed before the date of the hearing per WAC 390-37-182 to be made payable within 30 days of the date of the Order. The base penalty range for this fact pattern is \$1,000 \$2,000; **AND**
2. Require the Respondent to file the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2021 within 30 days of the date of the Order.