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Sent electronically to multiple respondents

Subject: Initial Hearing (Case Status Review) After Opening a Formal Investigation for multiple respondents in PDC cases 143991, 144688, 144691, 144694, 144697, 144698, 144708, 144710, 144712, 144714, 144716, 144717, 144718, 144719, 144720, 144722, 144723, 144738, 144865, 145168, 145663, 146495, and 146780

After conducting a preliminary review and assessment of complaints filed between October 20, 2023, and December 14, 2023, by Conner Edwards, concerning multiple 2023 candidates, PDC staff held an Initial Hearing (also referred to as a Case Status Review), on January 17, 2024, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755, and WACs 390-37-060 and 390-37-071. This hearing was a step toward opening a formal investigation in these cases named above and allows the PDC additional time to work with respondents to resolve them.

At the hearing, it was noted that the Initial Hearing is not an adjudicative proceeding, and that RCW 42.17A.755 provides PDC staff with additional tools to resolve complaints through the use of alternatives to full, formal adjudication, or referral to the Attorney General's Office. I encourage you to work with staff on resolving this matter.

If you have questions, please contact PDC staff by replying to the email to which this letter is attached.

Sincerely,

*Electronically Signed Peter Frey Lavallee*

Peter Frey Lavallee  
Executive Director