

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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November 15, 2024

PDC Case 158838

Sent electronically via email to desand222@gmail.com

Notice of Case Status Review (Initial Hearing)

Respondent: Dennis Sandberg

Hearing/meeting Date: Friday, November 22, 2024

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Remotely via Telephone Through Microsoft Teams

Hearing Link https://tinyurl.com/yc8k4n8u

PDC Staff: Peter Frey Lavallee, Executive Director

Public Disclosure Commission

Authority: <u>RCW 42.17A.755(3)</u> & <u>WAC 390-37-071</u>

This is to notify you that the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has received complaints from Conner Edwards, Complainant, alleging you violated RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 by failing to file or timely file critical pre- and post-General Election C-4 reports (Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reports) disclosing contribution and expenditure activities undertaken during the 2024 election cycle. These complaints were filed July 21, 2024 and August 1, 2024.

We have scheduled a Case Status Review (Initial Hearing) to provide you and the other Respondents with information on our process as required by state law within the first 90 days of receiving a complaint. Staff is further informing you that the PDC intends to open formal investigations into these matters on the above date.

It is important to note that the Case Status Review (Initial Hearing) is not an adjudicative proceeding and is not being conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (RCW 34). The Case Status Review is conducted in accordance with WAC 390-37-071(1) and its purpose is to provide you with information concerning the investigative process, ensure the investigation is being conducted expeditiously, and to provide an opportunity to discuss possible alternative resolutions.

You are not required to attend the Case Status Review (Initial Hearing), and choosing not to participate in the review will not prejudice your rights concerning the investigative process or any potential future adjudicative proceeding in this matter.

For efficiency's sake, this Case Status Review (Initial Hearing) is being held for a group of Respondents. If you decide to attend the Case Status Review, please note that an unknown number of other candidates may also be in attendance. You can be given an opportunity to speak,

if you wish, but please keep your comments brief. We will offer general information about the enforcement process but do not anticipate addressing any particulars of any single case at this hearing. Rather, such particulars will be addressed through the ongoing case process, with a Compliance Coordinator assigned to the matter, outside this Case Status Review (Initial Hearing).

If you join the meeting by telephone, please mute yourself by pressing *6 prior to joining the hearing and unmute yourself by pressing *6 only when you are called upon to speak. To be called upon you will need to use *5 to raise your hand prior to unmuting to speak.

For your convenience, we're including links to the PDC Enforcement Guide and the PDC's rules concerning initial hearings, which can be found in Chapter 390-37 WAC.

Please contact PDC staff by email at <u>pdc@pdc.wa.gov</u> if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,

<u>Electronically signed Peter Frey Lavallee</u> Peter Frey Lavallee Executive Director

