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Delivered electronically to Laura Oberto on behalf of Committee for Mercer Island Public Schools dba Citizens for Mercer Island Public Schools (CMIPS) at oberto.laura@gmail.com and yesmischools@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 169869 Committee for Mercer Island Public Schools dba Citizens of Mercer Island Public School (CMIPS)

Committee for Mercer Island Public Schools dba Citizens of Mercer Island Public Schools (CMIPS):

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Conner Edwards on April 1, 2025. The complaint alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failing to timely and accurately file contributions and expenditure reports in the 2025 election year.

Applicable Laws and Rules

- [RCW 42.17A.235](#) requires each treasurer of a candidate or political committee, or an incidental committee, to file with commission a report of all contributions received, and expenditures made as a political committee on the next reporting date pursuant to the timeline established in the statute.
- [RCW 42.17A.240](#) requires each treasurer of a candidate or political committee, or an incidental committee, to file with the commission a report including/depicting the name and address of each person who has made one or more contributions during the period, together with the money value and date of contribution and the aggregate value of all contributions received from each person during the campaign, or in the case of a continuing political committee, the current calendar year.

Background and Findings

- The complaint alleged that the Committee for Mercer Island Public Schools dba Citizens for Mercer Island Public Schools (CMIPS) (The Committee), a continuing committee, failed to timely and accurately file contributions and expenditures reports.
- Staff reviewed the complaint and noted that there were some expenditures made by The Committee to its vendors for which a more detailed description of the vendor should have been provided. For example, The Committee failed to include the address of the vendor (*Yard Sign Plus*) for the February 27, 2025, expenditures for \$1,938 paid for “printing campaign signs - yard signs.”

- Additionally, the Staff also noted that The Committee had a discrepancy in the carry-forward balance from the 2022 campaign to the 2025 campaign – which can be indicative of incomplete or inaccurate disclosure of contributions received and/or expenditures made by The Committee.
- In the response to the complaint received on April 8, 2025, The Committee, by way of Laura Oberto, Treasurer, stated: “Ending balance of last campaign in 2022 versus beginning balance in 2025. All of our contributions accounting for the difference (\$2,660) were reported on C-3 reports; however, it looks like our first C-4 report did not include the \$2,660 of contributions due to the start date of the reporting period on that C-4. I have amended the C-4 to a start date of 2/5/2025 and everything ties out. Adding vendor addresses for reimbursement: usually, the PDC reporting tool issues a pop-up warning if information is not included. Since I did not get the warning, and these items were purchased via a website, I erroneously submitted the expense reimbursement details without a vendor address. I have added the vendor addresses and amended the reports.”
- On April 7, 2025, The Committee amended the pertinent C-4 reports at issue in this matter to better depict and correct the issues raised in the complaint.

Summary and Resolution

Based on our findings, the staff has determined that the Committee made minor or ministerial errors which did not materially impact the public interest but needed to be corrected for the report to be in full compliance with the requirements of the chapter.

Based on this information, this matter is resolved as a technical correction pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755 and WAC 390-37-060.

Any allegations regarding reporting by The Committee for the 2022 and 2025 election years that are not otherwise addressed are hereby dismissed.

Accordingly, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with [RCW 42.17A.755\(1\)](#).

If you have questions, you may contact Erick O. Agina, Compliance Officer, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Erick O. Agina

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Endorsed by,

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cc: Conner Edwards