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Delivered electronically to Washington Food Industry Association at [accounting@wa-food-ind.org](mailto:accounting@wa-food-ind.org)

Subject: PDC Case 174363 regarding Washington Food Industry Association

Washington Food Industry Association:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Conner Edwards on June 11, 2025. The complaint alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately disclose expenditures and carry forward from calendar year 2024 to calendar year 2025.

Applicable Laws and Rules

[RCW 42.17A.235](#) describes the required filing deadlines for disclosure of campaign finance activities including monetary contributions.

[RCW 42.17A.240](#) requires committees to file accurate campaign finance reports with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Background and Findings

- Washington Food Industry Association (WFIA) is registered with the PDC for calendar year 2025 under the “Full Reporting” option.
- The complaint alleged that WFIA’s Line 18 Cash on Hand balance for its December 2024 C-4 report was \$203,795.12 but its beginning Line 1 cash balance on its January 2025 C-4 report was \$209,902.54.
- On June 18, 2025, PDC staff sent a copy of the complaint to the Respondent and on June 27, 2025, the WFIA amended its January 2025 C-4 report to show the correct Line 1 beginning cash balance. In addition, WFIA amended its December 2024 C-4 report to disclosing vendor refunds and bank interest.
- In the response, WFIA’s Office Manager Robert Mitchell, explained that the error was partially caused by his inability to identify the correct method to enter the carry forward balance for

January 2025. Mr. Mitchell stated that WFIA has implemented protocols to check C-3 and C-4 reports against bank reconciliation reports to prevent future filing errors.

### Summary and Resolution

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, any violation that may have occurred was minor and has been cured. After consideration of the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purposes of this chapter. Under WAC 390-37- 060, the executive director, at any time prior to consideration by the commission, may dismiss a complaint which on its face, or as shown by investigation, provides reason to believe that a violation has occurred, but also shows that the respondent is in substantial compliance with the relevant statutes or rules, or shows that formal enforcement action is not warranted.

WFIA made minor or ministerial errors on required reports which did not materially harm the public interest. WFIA made the necessary technical corrections within 14 days of a PDC staff request.

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

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-753-1111, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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cc: Conner Edwards