# State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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MINUTES – Regular Meeting 9:30 a.m. | June 26, 2025 711 Capitol Way S. #206 Olympia, Washington

# **Commission Members Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)**

J. Leach, Chair; Douglass North, Vice Chair; Nancy Isserlis, Member; James Oswald, Member.

### **Staff Present**

Jana Greer, Administrative Officer.

# **Staff Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)**

Peter Frey Lavallee, Executive Director; Kim Bradford, Deputy Director; James Gutholm, Chief Information Officer; Nate Meyer, Customer Service and Outreach Manager; Alice Fiman, Compliance Manager; BG Sandahl, Compliance Officer; Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer; Natalie Johnson, Communications Specialist; John Meader, Assistant Attorney General representing the Commission; Susie Giles-Klein, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff.

The regular meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) was called to order by Chair Leach at 9:31 a.m.

The June 26, 2025, Public Disclosure Commission meeting streamed live via TVW at WAPDC.6.26.2025. Public attended remotely via a MS Teams Link.

### Chair Opening Comments | PDC Meeting Video

Chair Leach welcomed all attendees and viewers to the June 26, 2025, Regular Commission meeting.

### Consideration and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes | PDC Meeting Video

Meeting minutes were presented to the Commission for consideration and possible approval:

• May 22, 2025, Regular Meeting

### **MOTION 25-026**

Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission approve the meeting minutes as submitted for the May 22, 2025, regular meeting.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

## Public Comment | PDC Meeting Video

As was noticed and announced, a Teams video and conference line was provided for public comment during this time.

No person(s) provided public comment.

Written comment(s) submitted:

- Edwards
- Kunzler

# Emergency Rulemaking re: Including Ballot Proposition Positions in Party Slate Cards | PDC Meeting Video

The Commission considered the proposed emergency rule including ballot proposition positions in party slate cards to the Commission for possible adoption for immediate implementation.

## • WAC 390-17-030 (RDS-6446.2)

#### **MOTION 25-027**

Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission adopt the emergency rule as presented for immediate implementation.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

# <u>Discussion of possible Commission statement on use of surplus and campaign funds for personal safety expenses | PDC Meeting Video</u>

Deputy Director Bradford presented a proposed statement on surplus and campaign funds for personal safety expenses to the Commission for consideration and possible adoption.

#### **MOTION 25-028**

Moved by Commissioner Isserlis and seconded by Commissioner North that the Commission adopt the statement as presented on the use of surplus and campaign funds for personal safety expenses.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

### **Enforcement | PDC Meeting Video**

9:42 a.m. | The Commission conducted an enforcement hearing for PDC Case <u>163094</u>, Green Jobs PAC.

Susie Giles-Klein, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff, and Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer, <u>presented</u> the stipulation for PDC Case 163094, Green Jobs PAC for alleged violations of <u>RCW 42.17A.235</u>, <u>RCW 42.17A.240</u>, <u>WAC 390-16-205</u>, and <u>WAC 390-16-037</u> by (1) failing to timely file the 7-day Pre-General Election C-4 report covering October 15–28, 2024; (2) failing to disclose detailed information regarding sub vendors used for campaign expenditures; and (3) failing to identify the specific ballot measure opposed by each expenditure on its C-4 reports.

Dmitri Iglitzin, General Counsel for Green Jobs PAC, <u>participated</u> via Microsoft Teams.

Commissioner Oswald <u>disclosed</u> he was previously of counsel with Barnard Iglitzin & Lavitt LLP but did not feel it necessary to recuse himself from the matter.

### **MOTION 25-029**

Moved by Commissioner Isserlis and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission accept the stipulation as presented and find a violation of RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.240, WAC 390-16-205, and WAC 390-16-037 and assess a civil penalty of \$20,000 with \$10,000 suspended contingent on no further violations for four years, and the penalty paid within 30 days of the Final Order.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

## Rulemaking re-updating enforcement penalties and procedures | PDC Meeting Video

Deputy Director Bradford presented the proposed rule for re-updating enforcement penalties and procedures to the Commission for any additional suggestions the Commission may have.

- WAC 390-37-005 (RDS-6392.2)
- Written Comments Submitted

The <u>Commission</u> did not have any additional suggestions or take any formal action. The proposed rule is expected to be on the July 2025 regular commission meeting agenda for public hearing.

# Budget Update | PDC Meeting Video

Executive Director Frey Lavallee provided the budget update to the Commission.

## Management Team Updates | PDC Meeting Video

- Executive Director Update.
- <u>Deputy Director Update</u>.
- Information Technology Update.
- Customer Service and Filer Assistance Update.

## **Expanded Training and Outreach for 2025 Elections | PDC Meeting Video**

Communications Specialist Natalie Johnson provided a presentation on the expanded training and outreach the agency has offered candidates and committees for 2025 elections.

### **Enforcement Update | PDC Meeting Video**

Alice Fiman, Compliance Manager, presented the enforcement update for June 2025.

• Enforcement Report – Categorization and Status of Open Cases.

### **Break/Executive Session**

<u>10:46 a.m.</u> Discussion of matters allowed in executive session pursuant to <u>RCW 42.30.110</u>, regarding enforcement matters, review of performance of public employees, and discussion with legal counsel of litigation or potential litigation when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence. Final action regarding these matters, or other matters properly discussed during the executive session, will be taken following the executive session.

Executive session ended at <u>11:05 a.m.</u>

Adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Approved July 24, 2025