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MINUTES – Regular Meeting 9:30 a.m. | August 28, 2025 711 Capitol Way S. #206 Olympia, Washington

Commission Members Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)

J. Leach, Chair; Nancy Isserlis, Member, James Oswald, Member.

Commission Members Not Present

Douglass North, Vice Chair.

Staff Present

Jana Greer, Administrative Officer.

Staff Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)

Peter Frey Lavallee, Executive Director; Kim Bradford, Deputy Director; Sean Flynn, General Counsel; James Gutholm, Chief Information Officer; Nate Meyer, Customer Service and Outreach Manager; BG Sandahl, Compliance Officer; Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer; Colin Peeples, Compliance Officer; Jordan Campbell, Compliance Coordinator; Shelley Warnock, Compliance Coordinator; Natalie Johnson, Communications Specialist; John Meader, Assistant Attorney General representing the Commission; Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff.

The regular meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) was called to order by Chair Leach at 9:37 a.m.

The August 28, 2025, Public Disclosure Commission meeting streamed live via TVW at PDC.08.28.2025. Public attended remote via a MS Teams Link.

Chair Opening Comments | PDC Meeting Video

Chair Leach welcomed all attendees and viewers to the August 28, 2025, Regular Commission meeting.

Chair Leach noted this was Commissioner Isserlis' final meeting and thanked her for her service to the Commission. Commissioner Isserlis gave her final remarks and noted some of the achievements the Commission accomplished during her tenure.

Consideration and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes | PDC Meeting Video

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

• July 24, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION 25-046

Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission approve the meeting minutes as submitted for the July 24, 2025, regular meeting.

The motion was amended.

Commissioner Oswald asked for clarification to Motion 25-038 (Page 3) asking

for the minutes to reflect a clarification that the suspension was also

contingent on the Respondent paying all prior penalties within 30 days from

the final order.

MOTION 25-047

Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission approve the meeting minutes for the July 24, 2025, regular meeting with an amendment to motion 25-038.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

Enforcement Reconsideration | PDC Meeting Video

9:45 a.m. | The Commission conducted a hearing concerning requests for reconsideration. Compliance Coordinator Jordan Campbell and Compliance Officer Colin Peeples presented the requests to the Commission for consideration and possible approval.

PDC Case <u>173300</u> – <u>Fennelle D Miller</u>: At the July 25, 2025, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u> for failure to file the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than May 23, 2025. The Respondent was assessed with a penalty of \$250, with \$150 suspended, which they now ask the Commission to review.

Fennelle D Miller <u>participated</u> via phone on Microsoft Teams

MOTION 25-048 Moved by Commissioner Isserlis and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that

the Commission reconsider PDC Case 173300, Fennelle D Miller.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

MOTION 25-049 Moved by Commissioner Isserlis and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that

the Commission find a violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assess a civil penalty

of \$0.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

PDC Case <u>173281</u> – <u>Jay Robinson</u>: At the June 25, 2025, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u> for failure to disclose Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than May 23, 2025. Mr. Robinson was assessed with a penalty of \$250, which they now ask the Commission to reconsider.

Jay Robinson <u>participated</u> via Microsoft Teams

MOTION 25-050 Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that

the Commission reconsider PDC Case 173281, Jay Robinson.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

MOTION 25-051

Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission find a violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u> and assess a civil penalty of \$250 with \$250 suspended on the condition of no further violations for four years.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

PDC Case <u>173236</u> – <u>Robert Gumm</u>: At the June 25, 2025, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.205</u> for failure to file a Campaing Registration (C-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than May 23, 2025.
 Mr. Gumm was assessed with a penalty of \$250, which they now ask the Commission to reconsider.

Robert Gumm participated via phone on Microsoft Teams

MOTION 25-052

Moved by Commissioner Isserlis and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission find a violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.205</u> and assess a civil penalty of \$0.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

PDC Case <u>173277</u> – <u>Aurora Flores</u>: At the June 25, 2025, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u> for failure to disclose Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than May 23, 2025. Ms. Flores was assessed with a penalty of \$150, which they now ask the Commission to reconsider.

MOTION 25-053

Moved by Commissioner Isserlis and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission find a violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u> and assess a civil penalty of \$150 with \$50 suspended contingent on the missing report being filed, the non-suspended portion of the penalty paid within 30 days of the Final Order, and no further violations for four years.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

PDC Case <u>173060</u> – <u>Kelly Fox</u>: At the June 24, 2025, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.205</u> and <u>42.17A.700</u> for failure to file a Campaign Registration (C-1 report) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than May 23, 2025. Ms. Fox was assessed with a penalty of \$500, which they now ask the Commission to reconsider.

MOTION 25-054

Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission deny the request for reconsideration for PDC Case 173060, Kelly Fox.

The motion passed 3 - 0.

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10:33 a.m. | The Commission conducted a hearing for PDC Case <u>173017</u>, Adam Smith, for alleged violations of <u>RCW 42.17A.205</u> and <u>.700</u> for failure to file a Campaign Registration (C-1 report) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than May 23, 2025.

Memo

MOTION 25-055

Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission assess a civil penalty of \$6,000 with \$2,000 suspended contingent on all missing reports filed, the non-suspended portion of the penalty paid, and all prior penalties paid within 30 days of the Final Order, and no further violations for four years.

The motion passed 3 - 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.

The following person(s) provided public comment.

- Joe Kunzler, commented on agency enforcement.
- <u>Abbot Taylor</u>, campaign treasurer, commented on C-4 reporting schedule.
- Conner Edwards, campaign treasurer, commented on C-4 reporting schedule.

Written comment(s) submitted:

• <u>Kunzler</u>

Campaign Reporting Schedule Proposal | PDC Meeting Video

General Counsel Sean Flynn presented the draft proposal to amend campaign expenditure reporting.

- Memo
- (Draft) Reporting Schedule Bill

Written comment(s) submitted:

- Taylor
- Edwards
- Michaud
- Taylor

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.
- Deputy Director Update.
- Information Technology Update.
- Customer Service and Filer Assistance Update.

Enforcement Update | PDC Meeting Video

Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer, presented the enforcement update for August 2025.

• Enforcement Report – Categorization and Status of Open Cases.

Executive Session

<u>11:56 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 12:12 p.m.

Adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Approved September 25, 2025.