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MINUTES – Regular Meeting
9:30 a.m. | January 22, 2026
711 Capitol Way S. #206
Olympia, Washington

Commission Members Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)

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

Staff Present

Jana Greer, Administrative Officer.

Staff Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)

Peter Frey Lavalley, 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; Tanya Mercier, Compliance Officer; Phil Stutzman, Compliance Officer; Natalie Johnson, Communications Specialist; Christina Shearer, Senior Financial Consultant, DES; John Meader, Assistant Attorney General representing the Commission; Susie Giles-Klein, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff; Simone Prince-Eichner, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff; and Jennifer Elias, Assist Attorney General representing the Staff.

The regular meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) was called to order by Chair Leach at 9:30 a.m.

The January 22, 2026, Public Disclosure Commission meeting streamed live via TVW at [PDC.01.22.2026](#). Public attended remote via a MS Teams Link.

Chair Opening Comments | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Chair Leach welcomed all attendees and viewers to the January 22, 2026, 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:

- December 11, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION 26-01

Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner North that the Commission approve the meeting minutes for the December 11, 2025, regular meeting as submitted.

The motion [passed](#) 3 – 0.

Request for Reporting Modification | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

09:32 a.m. | The Commission conducted a hearing concerning request for reporting modification. Compliance Officer Jennifer Hansen presented the request to the Commission for consideration and possible approval.

- [Rockne Rudolph & Joseph Cohen](#) – Campaign Donor & Recipient (EY 2021) – [RCW 29B.20.40](#) & [RCW 29B.25.100](#)

Rockne Rudolph [participated](#) via Microsoft Teams.

MOTION 26-02 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission deny the partial reporting modification as requested, on the basis that the requestor has not met the burden of proof of establishing a manifestly unreasonable hardship and/or that granting the modification would frustrate the purposes of the Act.

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.

- [Connor Edwards](#), campaign treasurer, commented on mini reporting.
- [Joe Kunzler](#), commented on mini reporting and agency enforcement.

Written comment(s) submitted:

- [Kunzler](#)
- [Kunzler.2](#)
- [Edwards](#)

Enforcement | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

09:52 a.m. | The Commission conducted an enforcement hearing for PDC Case 158645, Committee to Elect Rylee Fleury.

Susie-Giles Klein, Assistant Attorney General representing PDC Staff, and Tanya Mercier, Compliance Officer, [presented](#) PDC Case 158645, Committee to Elect Rylee Fleury, including a partial stipulation as to facts agreed to by the parties, , for alleged violations of [RCW 42.17A.235](#), [RCW 42.17A.240](#), [RCW 42.17A.145](#), [WAC 390-16-037](#), [WAC 390-16-207](#) and [WAC 390-05-210\(3\)](#), by: (1) failing to timely file Cash Receipts, Monetary Contribution (C-3) reports; (2) in advance of the 2024 primary election, failing to timely file mandatory 21-day, 7-day, and post-primary Receipts & Expenditure Summary (C-4) reports; (3) in advance of the 2024 general election, failing to timely file mandatory 21-day, 7-day, post-general, and end-of-election C-4 reports; (4) failing to report the full purpose of expenditures; (5) failing to report in-kind contributions and filing false C-4 reports; (6) [RCW 42.17A.405\(2\)](#) and [WAC 390-16-310\(4\)](#) by accepting over-limit contributions; and (7) [RCW 42.17A.320](#) and [WAC 390-18-010](#) by failing to include sponsor identification on political advertisements (POLADs).

Rylee Fleury [participated](#), joining in person at 10:35 a.m.

MOTION 26-03 Moved by Commissioner North that the Commission adopt the staff position and assess a civil penalty of \$2,500 with \$0 suspended.

The motion was amended.

MOTION 26-04 Moved by Commissioner North that the Commission assess a civil penalty of \$2,500 with \$500 suspended contingent on no further violations for four years, the penalty is paid within 30 days of the Final Order, and the Committee amends its filings to correct any deficiencies on the C-4 reports and to report in-kind contributions to the extent the information is available.

The motion was [amended](#).

MOTION 26-05 Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner North that the Commission assess a civil penalty of \$2,100 with \$700 suspended contingent on no further violations for four years, the penalty is paid within 60 days of the Final Order, and the Committee amends its filings to correct any deficiencies on the C-3 and C-4 reports and to report the cost or fair market value of the in-kind contribution.

The motion [passed](#) 3 – 0.

Legislative Update | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Deputy Director Kim Bradford and General Counsel Sean Flynn provided the legislative update to the Commission.

- [PDC Bill Tracker 01.15.26](#)

Deputy Director Bradford [reported](#) on agency request legislation and other bills of interest to the PDC.

- [SB 5840](#) - Making adjustments to the schedule for reporting campaign finance expenditure activity.
- [SB 5910](#) - Concerning school district communications to the general public.
- [HB 2499](#) - Modernizing conservation district election procedures and requiring financial disclosures from district supervisors and candidates for district supervisor.
- [HB 2123](#) - Concerning foreign national participation in Washington state elections.
- [HB 2333](#) - Protecting elected officials and candidates, executive state officers, election officials, and criminal justice participants against threats and incidents of political violence.

Rulemaking | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

General Counsel Sean Flynn provided the rulemaking update to the Commission.

- [Memo – APA Rulemaking Petition \(Edwards\) re Phasing Out Mini-Reporting](#)
- [Mini-to-full Overview](#)
- [APA Petition to Phase Out Mini Reporting in 2032](#)
- [Rule Change Petition](#)
- [Amended APA Petition to Phase Out Mini Reporting](#)
- [Rulemaking 6-month agenda](#)

General Counsel Flynn [presented](#) the APA Petition (Edwards) re mini reporting eligibility to the Commission for consideration and possible action in accordance with [RCW 34.05.330](#).

MOTION 26-06 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission dismiss the APA petition (Edwards) as the Commission does not believe the concerns outlined in the petition necessitate a change now but will continue to monitor the need for mini reporting in the future.

The motion [passed](#) 3 – 0.

General Counsel Flynn [presented](#) the rulemaking 6-month agenda to the Commission for consideration and possible adoption.

MOTION 26-07 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission approve the proposed 6-month rulemaking agenda.

The motion [passed](#) 3 – 0.

Budget Update | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Executive Director, Peter Frey Lavalley 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](#)

Phil Stutzman, Compliance Officer, presented the enforcement update for January 2026.

- Enforcement Report – Categorization and Status of Open Cases.

Executive Session

[1:09 p.m.](#) Discussion of matters allowed in executive session pursuant to [RCW 42.30.110](#), 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 [1:25 p.m.](#)

[Adjourned](#) at 1:25 p.m.

Approved February 12, 2026.