



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Stewart Hilmes
721 S Hillsvie Lane
Othello WA 99344

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

Stewart Hilmes

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 13-269

Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law, and
Order Imposing Fine

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held August 1, 2013, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) covering the 12 months preceding the date the Respondent became a candidate for election in 2013.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. A brief enforcement hearing notice was sent to Stewart Hilmes on July 18, 2013. Commission Chair Amit Ranade was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent did not participate at the hearing or submit any written materials.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a candidate for School Director in the Othello School District in 2013.
2. As a candidate, the Respondent was required to file an F-1 report within two weeks of the date the Respondent filed a declaration of candidacy, or no later than May 31, 2013.
3. The Respondent had not filed the missing F-1 report by the date of the hearing.
4. The Respondent has no prior violations.



CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file the F-1 report, which was due to be filed no later than May 31, 2013.

ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$150 in accordance with the penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-165, that is payable within 30 days of the date of this order.

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 14 day of August, 2013.

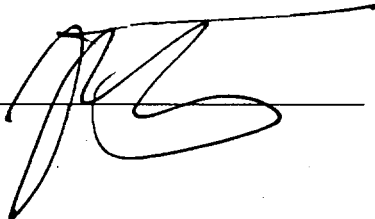
Public Disclosure Commission

Andrea M. Doyle
Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

I, David Berkeley, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent(s) at his/her/its respective address, postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein.

Signed



Date

8/24/13