

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**
2 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

3 IN RE THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT
4 ACTION AGAINST

PDC CASE NO. 16-010

5 Trisha Claridge

FINAL ORDER

6 Respondent.

7 This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission on
8 September 24, 2015, at the PDC office, Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way,
9 Olympia, Washington. The Respondent, Trisha Claridge, requested a reconsideration¹ of the
10 prior order issued following a brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) in this
11 matter. The matter was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter
12 390-37 WAC.

13 Those present included Katrina Asay, Commission Chair; Anne Levinson, Commission
14 Vice-Chair, Grant Degginger, John Bridges and Amit Ranade, Members. Also present were
15 Kurt Young, PDC Compliance Officer on behalf of the PDC Staff; PDC Executive Director Fred
16 Kiga; PDC Director of Compliance Tony Perkins; Assistant Attorney General Linda Dalton, and
17 PDC staff member Jana Greer as recorder/reporter of the proceedings. The Respondent, Trisha
18 Claridge, submitted a letter but did not participate at the hearing. The proceeding was open to
19 the public and recorded.

20 **I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

21 The matter involved the allegation that the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to
22 file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) as an incumbent School Board Member
23 for the Tenino School District for calendar year 2014.

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25 ¹Because the Respondent's request for a review could not be heard within 20 business days, under WAC
26 390-37-144 the initial order became a final order and the request was automatically treated as a request
for reconsideration of a final order. The initial order will be referred to as the "prior order."

1 A brief enforcement hearing was held on July 30, 2015. The Respondent did not
2 participate. An initial order was entered August 17, 2015, making Findings of Fact, Conclusions
3 of Law, and assessing a \$300 civil penalty against the Respondent for one violation of failing to
4 file an F-1 report for calendar year 2014.

5 By email on August 26, 2015, the Respondent requested that the Commission
6 review/reconsider the order ("prior order") that she recently received. The order became a final
7 order on September 15, 2015.

8 Following consideration of the prior order, the Respondent's request for reconsideration
9 and her testimony, and Mr. Young's September 17, 2015, memorandum, the Commission made
10 no motion to amend the prior order.

11 **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 The Commission enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:
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- 14 1. The Respondent is an incumbent School Board Member for the Tenino School District.
- 15 2. The Respondent has one prior PDC violation in PDC Case No. 12-176, in which she was
16 assessed a \$150 penalty.
- 17 3. The Respondent stated that when the PDC was informing officials this spring about the F-1
18 filing requirements, she did not think she had to file an F-1 report since her term of office is
19 up at the end of the year and she was not seeking re-election. She stated she incorrectly
20 thought that the F-1 filing requirement was linked to her re-election effort.
- 21 4. On September 16, 2015, the Respondent electronically filed the missing F-1 report for
22 calendar year 2014.

23 **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

24 Based upon the record herein, the Commission concludes:

- 25 1. The Commission has jurisdiction to hear this matter under RCW 42.17A and 390 WAC.

- 1 2. RCW 42.17A.700 required the Respondent to file an F-1 no later than April 15, 2015.
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3 3. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file an F-1 as required for
4 an elected official for calendar year 2014.

5 Based upon the findings and conclusions, the Commission orders that:

6 **IV. ORDER**

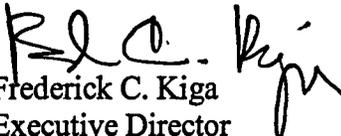
7 The Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

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9 The Executive Director is authorized to enter this order on behalf of the Commission.

10 So ORDERED this 2nd day of October 1, 2015.

11 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
12 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

13 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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15 Frederick C. Kiga
16 Executive Director

17 **ATTACHMENT**

18 *This order sent by email to:*

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20 Trisha Claridge at "tclaridge@scattercreek.com"

I, Kurt Young, certify that I emailed a
copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective
email address.

Kurt Young October 2, 2015
Signed Date

