BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In re the Matter of Enforcement Action Against:

PDC CASE NO. 38939

John Bosche,

FINAL ORDER

Respondent.

I. INTRODUCTION

This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) on October 25, 2018, at the Public Disclosure Commission Office, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Olympia, Washington 98504. The hearing was held pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW, Chapter 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

Commissioners present were Anne Levinson, Commission Chair (presiding); David Ammons, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioner William Downing. Also present were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission; Fox Blackhorn-Delph, PDC Compliance Coordinator; Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance Coordinator; and Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer on behalf of PDC Staff. Respondent John Bosche participated telephonically. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

• Enforcement Hearing Memorandum prepared by PDC Compliance Coordinator Tabatha Blacksmith dated October 17, 2018;

- Freshdesk ticket log dated August 8, 2018 describing the initial complaint;
- Email sent by PDC Staff to Respondent regarding the missing Personal Financial Affairs
 Statement (F-1 report), dated August 17, 2018, and providing notice of the Brief
 Adjudicative Proceeding on September 24, 2018;
- Emails between PDC staff and the Respondent between August 22, 2018, and September 21,
 2018, regarding the Respondent's resignation and filing obligations;
- Email to Respondent dated October 8, 2018, notifying him of the outcome of the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding held September 24, 2018;
- Email from Respondent requesting an appeal of the Initial Order dated October 11, 2018;
- Email from PDC staff dated October 15, 2018, providing notice to the Respondent of the Review Hearing on October 25, 2018.
- PDC Case No. 39053 cover letter and Order Imposing Fine against Respondent John Bosche dated October 5, 2018;
- Letter dated October 11, 2018, from Respondent John Bosche correcting the record and requesting vacation of the Order imposing Fine.

The hearing concerned allegations that Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2017 no later than April 16, 2018.

After reviewing the record, including the testimony by PDC Staff and the Respondent, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order of the Commission be entered:

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent John Bosche was a School Director for Meridian School District 505 from

2011 until his resignation in June, 2017.

- 2. The Respondent was required to file an F-1 report disclosing financial activities in calendar year 2017 no later than April 16, 2018 and did not timely do so.
- 3. From April to June 2018, PDC staff sent seven e-mail reminders to the Respondent concerning the F-1 filing requirement.
- 4. On July 16, 2018, PDC staff sent a warning letter by U.S. Mail, concerning the Respondent's failure to file the F-1 report.
- 5. On August 16, 2018, PDC staff served Respondent John Bosche by U.S. Mail at the address provided by Meridian School District 505, with a hearing notice for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding to be held on September 24, 2018, concerning failure to file the F-1 report. This address was also disclosed on the July 21, 2017, F-1 report.
- 6. On August 17, 2018, PDC staff served the Respondent by e-mail at jbosche@meridian.wednet.edu, the email address provide by Meridian School District 505, with a hearing notice for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding to be held on September 24, 2018, concerning failure to file the F-1 report. This is not he email address disclosed on the July 21, 2017, F-1 report.
- 7. On August 22, 2018, Respondent John Bosche contacted PDC staff by telephone and email indicating that the F-1 report would be filed immediately, that he had resigned from his position at Meridian School District 505 in June, 2017, and requested notification of additional actions to remedy the non-compliance.
 - 8. On August 22, 2018 Mr. Bosche filed the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2017.
- 9. On September 21, 2018, at 4:25 p.m., Mr. Bosche requested either to participate in the adjudicative hearing by telephone, be granted a continuance, or to be allowed to submit a written statement for the record. The hearing notice deadline for this request was September 21, 2018, at 12:00, and PDC staff were unaware of his request until after the September 24, hearing.

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- 10. An Initial Order was entered October 5, 2018. It contained scrivener's errors indicating that John Bosche was a candidate for election rather than a former official. Notice of the Order was sent October 8, 2018, and the Respondent requested a Review Hearing on October 11, 2018. Notice was provided to him on October 15, 2018, of the October 25, 2018 Review Hearing.
 - 11. Respondent has no previous violations.

III. **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.
- 2. RCW 42.17A.700 states in part: "After January 1st and before April 15th of each year, every elected official and every executive state officer shall file with the commission a statement of financial affairs for the preceding calendar year."
- 3. WAC 390-24-025 states in part: "Any person holding elected public office, except as exempted by the terms of RCW 42.17A.700, ... is required to file the statement of financial affairs if such person holds such public office between January 1 and April 15 of any year. Such report shall be for the preceding calendar year."
- 4. Respondent John Bosche violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file the F-1 report for calendar year 2017 no later than April 16, 2018.

IV. **ORDER**

Based upon the Findings and Conclusions, the Commission orders that:

1. The Initial Order is AMENDED and the \$250 total civil penalty is vacated due to the following mitigating circumstances: the Respondent was not a candidate for election in 2017,

1	NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION
2	Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
3	Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upor
4	you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested
5	Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
6	711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.
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8	NOTICE: <u>PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW</u>
9	You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
10	Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Fina
11 12	Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
13	the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.
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