

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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December 22, 2021

Eddie H Keele 811 S Steel Road Othello WA 99344

And delivered electronically to EHKeele43@yahoo.com and keelee68@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 94008

Dear Eddie H Keele,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Vacating the original order dated August 12, 2021 that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the July 15, 2021, Brief Enforcement hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$250, of which \$150 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-143.

The attached order dated December 22, 2021 supersedes and vacates the order issued August 12, 2021 as a result of the July 15, 2021 Brief Enforcement hearing.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

<u>Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend</u> PDC Staff

Enclosure: Initial Order



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A PDC Case 94008

Eddie H Keele,

Respondent.

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

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to Eddie H Keele on June 25, 2021, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on July 15, 2021, remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission, to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2020, which was due to be filed no later than April 15, 2021.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW, 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair Fred Jarrett was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Compliance Coordinators Tabitha Townsend and Tabitha Blacksmith, and Jennifer Hansen, Political Finance Officer. The Respondent did not participate in the hearing or submit any written materials.

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

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The matter involved PDC Staff's request that the Commission vacate a Final Order issued on August 12, 2021, resulting from an Initial Hearing on July 15, 2021, regarding Eddie Keele, a Park & Recreation Commissioner for Adams County Park & Recreation District 1. The Presiding Officer at the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding found Mr. Keele in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2020, which was due to be filed no later than April 15, 2021 and imposed a civil penalty of \$250. The basis of the PDC Staffs Request for Reconsideration is due to a Mr. Keele not being in office during 2020.

1. The PDC received confirmation from the jurisdiction that Mr. Keele was not in office during 2020.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17 A RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

III. ORDER

This Amended Order will be the Final Order. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the civil penalty assessed at the July 15, 2021 hearing are VACATED.

This is an Initial Order of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 22nd day of December 2021.

Public Disclosure Commission

Fred Jarrett

Public Disclosure Commission, Chair

I, Tabitha Townsend, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective physical and email addresses on the date stated herein.

Electronically Signed by Tabitha Townsend December 22, 2021

Signed Date