



State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
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June 9, 2022

Charla Neuman
1114 Main Street
Sumner, WA 98390

And delivered electronically to cneuman@sumnerwa.gov

Subject: PDC Order, Case 108250

Dear Charla Neuman,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the May 26, 2022 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$2,000 in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$2,000 penalty is payable within **30 days** of the date of this Order, which is **July 8, 2022**.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and mail the payment to the following address:

Public Disclosure Commission
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

It is also ordered that you file the missing F-1 reports covering calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021 within **30 days** of this order.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violation (PDC Case 80266).

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

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Tabatha Blacksmith
PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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7 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**
8 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

9 In re the Matter of Enforcement Action
10 Against:

PDC CASE NO. 108250

11 CHARLA NEUMAN,

FINAL ORDER

12 Respondent.
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14 **I. INTRODUCTION**

15 This matter was heard in-person and remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure
16 Commission (Commission) on May 26, 2022, by telephonic and online streaming access. The
17 hearing was held pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW, Chapter 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37
18 WAC.

19 Commissioners present were Nancy Isserlis, Acting Commission Chair (presiding), and
20 Commissioners William Downing, Allen Hayward, and Jocelyn Cooney. Also present were
21 Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney
22 General Chad Standifer representing Commission staff, and Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance
23 Coordinator, on behalf of PDC Staff. Respondent Charla Neuman did not appear on her own
24 behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-28 *et*
25 *seq.* and recorded.

26 The hearing concerned allegations that Charla Neuman violated RCW 42.17A.700 by

1 failing to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) disclosing personal
2 financial information for calendar years 2020 and 2021 that were due no later than April 15,
3 2020 and April 15, 2022, respectively.

4 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 5 ○ Case Memorandum for PDC Case No. 108250 prepared by Tabatha Blacksmith and
6 dated May 18, 2022;
- 7 ○ Exhibit 1: Warning notice of missing F-1 filings, served April 18, 2022;
- 8 ○ Exhibit 2: Full Enforcement Hearing Notice, served May 12, 2022;
- 9 ○ Exhibit 3: Initial Order, entered January 11, 2021, PDC case 80266.

10 11 **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. Charla Neuman is a City Council Member for the City of Sumner. Her term
13 began on January 1, 2020, and ends on December 31, 2023.

14 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in
15 2020 and 2021 is required to file Personal financial Affairs Statements (F-1 reports) disclosing
16 financial activities for calendar years 2020 and 2021 no later than April 15, 2021, and April 15,
17 2022, respectively. The Respondent failed to timely file both reports.

18 3. From March 3, 2021, through April 28, 2021, PDC staff emailed reminders to
19 elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020.

20 4. From March 10, 2022 through April 26, 2022, PDC staff emailed reminders to
21 elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.

22 5. On April 18, 2022, PDC staff sent the Respondent a warning notice, by email and
23 to her mailing address of record, regarding the missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2020 and
24 2021. The email was sent to the Respondent's official email address.

25 6. On May 12, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email and to her mailing
26 address of record, with a hearing notice for a May 26, 2022, Adjudicative Proceeding

1 (Enforcement Hearing) before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning Respondent's
2 failure to file the F-1 reports. The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's personal email
3 address.

4 7. The emailed hearing notice was returned as undeliverable. However, as of the
5 date of the hearing, the mailed notice has not been returned and is therefore considered to have
6 been served. As a courtesy, PDC staff forwarded a copy of the emailed hearing notice to the
7 Respondent's official email address on May 17, 2022.

8 8. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed her F-1 reports for
9 calendar years 2020 and 2021 that were due April 15, 2021, and April 15, 2022, respectively.

10 9. Prior violation of RCW 42.17A.700:

11 a) PDC Case No. 80266:

- 12 • The Respondent failed to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2019, which
13 was due no later than April 15, 2020.
- 14 • At a December 17, 2020, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding the Respondent was
15 found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty for failing to
16 file an F-1 report for calendar year 2019, that was due no later than April 15,
17 2020.
- 18 • To date the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report for calendar year
19 2019 and has not paid the \$250 civil penalty which was sent to collections.

18 **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

22 2. Based on the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and hearing testimony, the
23 Commission concludes:

- 24 a. Charla Neuman violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file F-1 financial
25 reports for the years 2020 and 2021.

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IV. ORDER

Based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Commission orders that:

1. Respondent Charla Neuman is assessed a total civil penalty of \$2000 which shall be paid within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
2. The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021 shall be filed within 30 days of the date of this Order. If the Respondent fails to comply with the filing of the F-1 reports or fails to make timely payment of the civil penalties, PDC staff may send the amounts due for collection without further action by the Commission.

So ORDERED this 9th day of June, 2022.

WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Electronically signed by Nancy Isserlis
Nancy Isserlis
Acting Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

Copy of this Order mailed and/or emailed to:

Charla Neuman, Respondent,
cneuman@sumnerwa.gov; charla.neuman@gmail.com; charla@votecharla.com;

Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Coordinator, PDC Staff
tabatha.blacksmith@pdc.wa.gov;

I, Tabatha Blacksmith, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent/ Applicant at his/her respective address postage pre-paid on the date stated herein.

Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith
Signed

June 9, 2022
Date

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3 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

4 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
5 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
6 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
7 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
8 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

9 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

10 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
11 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
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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