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**Memorandum**

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Coordinator

Date: July 28, 2022

Subject: Jessie Baines, Jr. Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 109722

**Allegations:**

Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff alleges that Jessie Baines, Jr., former Park & Recreation Commissioner for Metropolitan Park District Tacoma, violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.

**Background:**

- Jessie Baines, Jr. (the “Respondent”) served as Park & Recreation Commissioner for Metropolitan Park District Tacoma for the term January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2021.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2021 was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2021, no later than April 15, 2022.
- From March 10, 2022 through April 5, 2022, PDC staff emailed reminders to elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
- On May 11, 2022, PDC staff sent the Respondent a warning notice, by email and mail, regarding the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2021. The email was sent to the Respondent’s personal email address.
- On July 14, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email and mail, with a hearing notice for a July 28, 2022 Adjudicative Proceeding (Enforcement Hearing) before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning the Respondent’s failure to file the F-1 report. The email was sent to the Respondent’s personal email address.

- As of July 20, 2022, the Respondent has not filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2021 that was due April 15, 2022.

**Prior Violations:**

The Respondent has two prior violations of RCW 42.17A.700 within the last five years:

**Violation (PDC Case 38901)**

- The Respondent, who served as Park & Recreation Commissioner for Metropolitan Park District Tacoma in 2018, failed to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2017, which was due no later than April 16, 2018.
- The Respondent filed the F-1 report covering calendar year 2017 on August 17, 2018.
- At a September 24, 2018 Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$150 penalty for failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2017 that was due no later than April 16, 2018.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the outstanding \$150 civil penalty for case 38901, which was sent to collections.

**Violation (PDC Case 93938)**

- The Respondent, who served as Park & Recreation Commissioner for Metropolitan Park District Tacoma in 2020, failed to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2020, which was due no later than April 15, 2021.
- At a February 17, 2022 Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$500 penalty for failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2020 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.
- To date, the Respondent has not filed the F-1 report covering calendar year 2020 or paid the outstanding \$500 civil penalty for case 93938, which was sent to collections.

**Additional Information:**

The Respondent's most recent F-1 report was filed on October 9, 2020 and disclosed financial activity for calendar year 2019.

**Staff Recommendations:**

- Staff recommends the Commission find that the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2021.

- Assess the Respondent a civil penalty of \$1,000 for a third occasion of a violation where the report was not filed before the date of the hearing per [WAC 390-37-182](#) to be made payable within 30 days of the date of the Order.
- Require the Respondent to file the missing F-1 reports covering calendar years 2020 & 2021 within 30 days of the date of the Order.