

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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August 11, 2022

Jessie Baines, Jr. 6642 S Wapato St Tacoma, WA 98409

And delivered electronically to bainesir@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 109722

Dear Jessie Baines, Jr.,

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

At the July 28, 2022 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$1,000, of which \$250 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$750 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **September 12, 2022**.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and mail the \$750 payment to the following address:

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

It is also ordered that you file missing F-1 reports disclosing financial information for 2020 and 2021 within 30 days of this order, which is **September 12, 2022**.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding \$650 in civil penalties plus fees from your prior violations (PDC Cases 38901 & 93938).

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

Sincerely,

<u>Electronically Signed by Tabatha Blacksmith</u> PDC Staff

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Enclosure: Final Order

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 8 OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON 9 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action PDC CASE NO. 109722 Against: 10 FINAL ORDER 11 JESSIE BAINES, JR., 12 Respondent. 13 14 This matter was heard remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission 15 (Commission) on July 28, 2022, by telephonic and online streaming access. Respondent Jessie 16 Baines, Jr. was provided notice on July 14, 2022, of the hearing date. The hearing was held in 17 accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC. 18 Commissioners present both telephonically and online were Fred Jarrett, Commission 19 Chair (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William 20 Downing, Allen Hayward, and Jocelyn Cooney. Also present both telephonically and online 21 were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant 22 Attorney General Chad Standifer representing PDC Staff, and Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC 23 Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and he did not appear on his 24 own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-25

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The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Case memorandum dated July 28, 2022, prepared by Tabitha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- 2. Hearing Notice, PDC Case 109722, mailed and dated July 14, 2022;
- 3. Initial Order for prior violation, PDC Case 38901, entered October 5, 2018;
- 4. Initial Order for prior violation, PDC Case 93938, entered March 4, 2022.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The matter involves Respondent Jessie Baines, Jr., a former Park & Recreation Commissioner for Metropolitan Park District Tacoma. Respondent is alleged to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) with the Public Disclosure Commission no later than April 15, 2022, disclosing financial information for the calendar year 2021. The Respondent has an outstanding penalty balance from three prior violations with the PDC of \$650.

- 1. In March and April of 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
- 2. On May 11, 2021, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a warning notice regarding the missing F-1 report. The notice was sent to the Respondent's email address of record.
- 3. On July 14, 2022, PDC Staff served the Respondent by email and mail, with a hearing notice for a July 28, 2022 Enforcement Hearing, along with instructions

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on how to participate in the hearing remotely, before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning his failure to file the F-1 report.

- 4. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.
- 5. The past due F-1 report for calendar year 2020 has not been filed as of the date of this hearing.
- 6. There are two prior cases for violations of RCW 42.17A.700:
 - PDC Case 38901. At a September 24, 2018 Brief Adjudicative Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2017, which was due not later than April 16, 2018. A total civil penalty of \$150 was assessed in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission that was in effect at that time. On August 17, 2018, the Respondent filed the F-1 report covering calendar year 2017 activity. The Respondent has not paid the civil penalty and the penalty has been sent for collection.
 - PDC Case 93938. At a February 17, 2022, Brief Adjudicative
 Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700
 by failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2020, that was due
 not later than April 15, 2021. A civil penalty of \$500 was assessed

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in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission that was in effect at that time. As of the July 28, 2022, hearing, the Respondent has not filed the required F-1 report or paid the civil penalty and the penalty has been sent for collection.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 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.
- 3. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2021 was required to file an F-1 Report, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2021 no later than April 15, 2022.

III. ORDER

This Order will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Commission assesses a civil penalty of \$1,000 for the outstanding F-1 Report for calendar year 2021 with \$250 suspended on the following conditions:

 (a). The \$750 non-suspended portion of the civil penalty due for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2021 in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.

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(b). The past due civil penalties for failure to timely file the F-1 reports for calendar years 2017 and 2020, in violation of RCW 42.17A.700, totaling \$650 plus costs are paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.

- (c). The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2020 and 2021 are filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
- (d). The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.
- 2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within 30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar year 2021 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collections or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the Commission.

1	SO ORDERED this <u>11th</u> day of August	2022.			
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8	Fred Jarrett, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission				
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11	This order sent by email to:				
12	Jessie Baines, Jr., Respondent	I, <u>Tabatha Blacksmith</u> , certify that I mailed and emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective			
13	bainesjr@gmail.com	mailing and email addresses.			
14	Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance Coordinator	Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith Aug. 11, 2022 Signed Date			
15	tabatha.blacksmith@pdc.wa.gov	5.6.150			
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18	NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION				
19	Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon				
20	, ´ ´	te the specific grounds for the relief requested.			
21	Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,				
22	711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olyn	npia WA 98504-0908.			
23	NOMICE DESIGNATION FOR WINDOWS				
24	NOTICE: <u>PETITION FOR JUDICIAL F</u> You have the right to appeal this Final Order	to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for			
25		. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final			
26	Order must be filed with the court and also serv	red upon both the Commission and the Office of			

1	the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.
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