

## State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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September 23, 2022

Layne Bladow PO BOX 98923 LAKEWOOD, WA 98496

And delivered electronically to layne@batestech.edu

Subject: PDC Order, Case 109818

Dear Layne Bladow,

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

At the August 25, 2022 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$250, of which \$250 is suspended in accordance with WAC 390-37-182 on the condition that the outstanding balance from PDC case 94108. The outstanding balance from the prior violation must be paid within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is October 24, 2022 at which time the suspended penalty would become unsuspended and the full amount would come due.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violation 94108.

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

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell
PDC Staff

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. 109818 Against: 10 FINAL ORDER 11 LAYNE BLADOW, 12 Respondent. 13 14 This matter was heard remotely by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission 15 (Commission) on August 25, 2022, by telephonic and online streaming access. Respondent 16 Layne Bladow was provided notice on August 11, 2022, of the hearing date. The hearing was 17 held in 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 Jordan Campbell, PDC 23 Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and he appeared on his own 24 behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-25 et 25

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The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Case memorandum dated August 17, 2022, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- 2. Hearing Notice, mailed and dated August 11, 2022;
- 3. Final Order for prior violation, PDC Case 94108 served August 12, 2021;

## I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The matter involves Respondent Layne Bladow, a former Regent Trustee of Bates Technical College. 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 one prior violation with the PDC of \$250.

- 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 April 18, 2022, PDC staff emailed the Respondent a warning notice regarding the missing F-1 report.
- 3. On August 11, 2022, PDC Staff served the Respondent by email and mail with a hearing notice for an August 25, 2022, Enforcement Hearing, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely, before the full Public Disclosure Commission concerning his failure to file the F-1 report.

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- 4. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has filed the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022, but has not paid the civil penalty of \$250.
- 5. The past due F-1 Report for 2020, has not been filed as of the date of this hearing.
- 6. There is one prior case for violation of RCW 42.17A.700:
  - PDC Case 94108. At a July 15, 2021, Brief Enforcement Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file F-1 reports for calendar year 2020, which was due not later than April 15, 2021. A total civil penalty of \$250 was assessed in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission that was in effect at that time. As of August 25, 2022, 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.

2. 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 \$250 for the late filed calendar year 2021 F-1 Report with \$250 suspended on the following conditions:

- a. The \$250 past due civil penalty plus costs due for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2020 in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
  - b. 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 collection

1 or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the 2 Commission. 3 SO ORDERED this 23rd day of September 2022. 4 5 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 6 FOR THE COMMISSION 7 8 Fred Jarrett, 9 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission 10 11 This order sent by email to: I, Jordan Campbell, certify that I mailed and emailed a 12 Layne Bladow, Respondent copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective laynefive@gmail.com email and mailing addresses of record. 13 Jordan Campbell, Jordan Campbell September 23, 2022 PDC Compliance Coordinator. 14 Signed Date pdc@pdc.wa.gov 15 16 17 **NOTICE:** RECONSIDERATION 18 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 19 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested. 20 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, 21 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908. 22 NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW 23 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final 24 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of 25 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.

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