

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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September 23, 2022

Katie Rose 2335 Ellis St Bellingham, WA 98225-3824

And delivered electronically to kaytearose@gmail.com and katie.rose@bellinghamschools.org

Subject: PDC Order, Case 109822

Dear Katie Rose,

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 \$500, of which \$500 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182, if the conditions of the Order are met within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **October 24, 2022**.

It is ordered that you file the missing F-1 report disclosing financial information for 2020 within 30 days of this order, which is **October 24, 2022**.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding \$250 civil penalty plus fees from your prior violation (PDC Cases 94088).

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

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. 109822 Against: 10 FINAL ORDER 11 KATIE ROSE, 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 Katie Rose was provided notice on August 11, 2022 of the hearing date. The hearing was held 17 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 Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC 23 Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and she appeared on her own 24 behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-25 et 25 seq. and recorded.

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The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Case memorandum dated August 25, 2022, prepared by Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- 2. Hearing Notice, mailed and dated August 11, 2022;
- 3. Final Order for prior violation, PDC Case 94088, entered August 12, 2021.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The matter involves Respondent Katie Rose, a School Director for Bellingham School District. 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 May 11, 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 her failure to file the F-1 report.

1 2	4.	Respondent has filed the missing F-1 report covering calendar year 2021 prior to the hearing that was due no later than April 15, 2022.
3456	5.	The past due F-1 Report for 2020, has not been filed as of the date of this hearing and the \$250 civil penalty has not been paid.
7 8	6.	There is one prior case for violation of RCW 42.17A.700:
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17		• PDC Case 94088. At a July 15, 2021 Brief Enforcement Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file an F-1 report 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.
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	1.	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.

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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 \$500 for the late filed F-1 Report with \$500 suspended on the following conditions:

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

1	2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this orde			
2	within 30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty fo			
3	calendar year 2021 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to			
4	collection or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action			
5	by the Commission.			
6	by the Commission.			
7	SO ORDERED this <u>23rd</u> day of September, 2022.			
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9	WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION			
10	FOR THE COMMISSION:			
11	to arrest			
12	Erad Jarratt			
13	Fred Jarrett, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission			
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16	This order sent by email to:			
17	Katie Rose, Respondent Katie Rose, Respondent I, <u>Tabatha Blacksmith</u> , certify that I mailed & emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective address postage pre-			
18	kaytearose@gmail.com paid, and by email on the date stated herein.			
19	Tabatha Blacksmith, PDC Compliance Coordinator Electronically signed Tabatha Blacksmith Signed Signed Sept. 23, 2022 Date			
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NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION 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 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested. Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908. **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW** 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 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.