

State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Brandon Patching 310 Nw Washington St, Winlock WA 98596

And delivered electronically to brandonpatching@hotmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 110451

Dear Brandon Patching,

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

At the October 27, 2022 Full Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$500, of which \$250 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$250 nonsuspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **December 19**, **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 report for the previous 12 months prior to being a candidate in Election Year 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 (95225).

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. 110451 Against: 10 FINAL ORDER 11 BRANDON PATCHING, 12 Respondent. 13 14 This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission 15 (Commission) on October 27, 2022, by in-person, telephonic, and online streaming access. 16 Respondent Brandon Patching was provided notice on October 13, 2022, of the hearing date. 17 The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 18 WAC. 19 Commissioners present in-person or online were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair 20 (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing, and 21 Allen Hayward. Also present in-person, telephonically, or online were Assistant Attorney 22 General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Chad 23 Standifer representing PDC Staff, and Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice 24 was provided to the Respondent and he did not appear on his own behalf. The proceeding was 25

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open to the public as limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-25 et seq. and recorded.

The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Case memorandum dated October 19, 2022, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- 2. Hearing Notice, mailed and dated October 13, 2022;
- 3. Final Order for prior violation, PDC Case 95225, served January 13, 2022.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The matter involves Respondent Brandon Patching, a School Director for Winlock School district No. 232. The 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.

- 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.
- On July 22, 2022, PDC Staff served the Respondent, by email and mail, with a
 hearing notice for a September 1, 2022, Brief Enforcement Hearing. The
 Presiding Officer referred the case to the full Commission per WAC 390-37143(5).
- 3. On October 13, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email and mail, with a hearing notice for an October 27, 2022, Enforcement Hearing before the full Commission concerning his failure to file the F-1 report.

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- 4. The Respondent filed the missing F-1 report on July 27, 2022, covering calendar year 2021 that was due no later than April 15, 2022.
- 5. There is one prior case for violation of RCW 42.17A.700:
 - PDC Case 95225. At an August 12, 2021, Brief Enforcement Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file the F-1 report for the twelve months prior to becoming a candidate by June 4, 2021. A total civil penalty of \$250 was assessed in accordance with the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission in effect at that time. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed the F-1 report for the twelve months prior to becoming a candidate and the penalty has also not been paid.

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 \$500 for the late filed calendar year 2021 F-1 Report with \$250 suspended on the following conditions:

- 1. a. The \$250 past due civil penalty plus costs due for failure to timely file the F-1 report for the twelve months prior to becoming a candidate in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
 - b. The non-suspended portion (\$250) of the \$500 civil penalty for failure to 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.
 - c. The missing F-1 report for the twelve months prior to becoming a candidate due by June 4, 2021, is 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

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2	of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be	
3	assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or	
	error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a	
4	technical correction.	
5	2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within	
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7	30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar	
8	year 2021 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collection	
9	or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the	
10	Commission.	
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12	SO ORDERED this 17th day of November 2022.	
13	WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC	
14	DISCLOSURE COMMISSION	
15	FOR THE COMMISSION:	
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17	Fred Jarrett,	
18	Chair, Public Disclosure Commission	
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20	This order sent by email to:	
21	Brandon Patching, Respondent I, Jordan Campbell, certify that I mailed and emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective	
22	brandon.patching@hotmail.com mailing and email address of record.	
23	Jordan Campbell, Electronically signed by Jordan Campbell November 17, 2022 Signed Date	
24	PDC Compliance Coordinator, pdc@pdc.wa.gov	
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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.