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November 17, 2022

Gerald Crossler
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RITZVILLE, WA 99169

And delivered electronically to jerrycrossler3@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 110495

Dear Gerald Crossler,

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

At the October 27, 2022 Full Enforcement hearing, the Commission reviewed the penalty assessed at the September 1, 2022 Brief Enforcement Hearing. The result of this review is that the violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is Affirmed, however the Commission has Vacated the penalty in this case

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

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell
PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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8 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

9 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
10 Against:

11 GERALD CROSSLER,
12 Respondent.
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PDC CASE NO. 110495
FINAL ORDER ON REQUEST
FOR REVIEW

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15 This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on October 27, 2022, by in-person, telephonic, and online streaming access.
17 Respondent Gerald Crossler requested review of the Presiding Officer's Order entered on
18 September 29, 2022, following a Brief Enforcement Hearing on September 1, 2022. The hearing
19 was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

20 Commissioners present in-person and online were Fred Jarrett, Commission Chair
21 (presiding); Nancy Isserlis, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners William Downing and
22 Alan Haywood. Also present in-person and online were Assistant Attorney General John S.
23 Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer representing
24 PDC Staff, and Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the
25 Respondent and he did not appear on his own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public as
26 limited by Governor's Proclamation 20-25 *et. seq.* and recorded.

1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 2 1. Case memorandum dated October 19, 2022, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC
- 3 Compliance Coordinator;
- 4 2. Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice served July 22, 2022;
- 5 3. Initial Order Imposing Fine, entered September 19, 2022;
- 6 4. Respondent's F-1 report, filed October 10, 2022;
- 7 5. Respondent's appeal request, dated October 10, 2022;
- 8 6. Review Hearing Notice, served October 14, 2022.
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10 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

11 The matter involved Respondent's request that the Commission review an Initial Order
12 entered on September 19, 2022, resulting from an Initial Hearing on September 1, 2022,
13 regarding Gerald Crossler, a Hospital Commissioner for Adams County Hospital District. The
14 presiding Officer at the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding found the Respondent in violation of
15 RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report)
16 with the Public Disclosure Commission no later than April 15, 2022. At the September 1, 2022,
17 hearing, the Presiding Officer imposed a \$500 penalty, with \$250 suspended, which the
18 Respondent now requests the Commission review. The Respondent has one prior violations with
19 the PDC.

- 20 1. Between March 10th and April 5th, 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all
21 elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar
22 year 2021.
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- 24 2. On July 22, 2022, PDC staff mailed and emailed the Respondent a hearing notice
25 regarding the missing report for calendar year 2021. The notice was sent to the
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Respondent's email and physical address of record.

3. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing held on September 1, 2022, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file the missing F-1 Report no later than April 15, 2022, and was assessed a \$500 penalty consistent with WAC 390-37-143, the Brief Enforcement Hearing penalty schedule adopted by the Commission. The Presiding Officer suspended \$250 of the \$500 penalty conditioned upon the Respondent filing the missing F-1 report and paying the non-suspended \$250 penalty within 30 days of the Initial Order being entered. The order was served on the Respondent on September 29, 2022.
4. On October 10, 2022, the Respondent filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2021, and contacted the PDC to appeal the penalty assessed in the Initial Order on the grounds of health matters and lack of technical expertise.
5. On October 14, 2022, PDC staff served the Respondent, by email, with a hearing notice for an October 27, 2022, Review Hearing before the full Commission, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 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.

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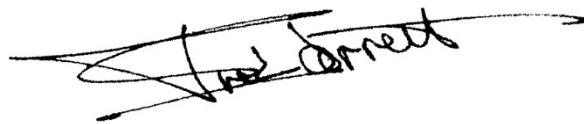
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6 **III. ORDER**

7 This Order on Review will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating
8 and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Initial Hearing
9 Order finding the Respondent in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is AFFIRMED. The
10 assessment of the \$500 civil penalty, with \$250 suspended, is VACATED.

11 SO ORDERED this 17th day of November 2022.

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13 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
14 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

15 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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17 Fred Jarrett,
18 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

19 *This order sent by email to:*

20 Gerald Crossler, Respondent
21 Jerry.crossler3@gmail.com

22 Jordan Campbell,
23 PDC Compliance Coordinator,
24 pdc@pdc.wa.gov

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I, Jordan Campbell, certify that I mailed and emailed a
copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective
mailing and email address of record.

Electronically signed by Jordan Campbell November 17, 2022

Signed

Date

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2 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

3 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
4 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
5 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
6 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
7 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

8 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

9 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
10 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
11 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
12 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.
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