

# State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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## Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator

Date: February 15, 2023

Subject: Faaluaina Pritchard; PDC Case 112528; Reconsideration Hearing

#### **Matter for Reconsideration:**

During a Full Adjudicative Proceeding held on October 27, 2022, Faaluaina Pritchard was found to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report), which was due to be filed on or before April 15, 2022. At the October 27, 2022 Full Adjudicative Proceeding, an Order imposing a \$1,000 penalty with \$500 suspended was entered, which the Respondent now requests the Commission reconsider.

#### **Background:**

- Faaluaina Pritchard (the "Respondent") was a Regent/Trustee for Clover Park Technical College through April of 2022.
- The Respondent, as a Regent/Trustee during 2021, was required to file an annual F-1 report on or before April 15, 2022.
- Between March 10th and April 5th, 2022, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2021.
- On October 13, 2022, PDC staff mailed and emailed the Respondent a hearing notice for a Full Adjudicative Proceeding to be held on October 27, 2022. The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's mailing and email addresses-of-record. (*Exhibit 1*)

- At the October 27, 2022 Full Adjudicative Proceeding, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$1,000 with \$500 suspended in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The penalty was payable within 30 days of the date of the Order, which was December 19, 2022.
- On November 17, 2022, PDC staff served the Order memorializing the Commission's ruling, by mail and email, to the Respondent's addresses-of-record. (*Exhibit 2*)
- The Respondent filed the missing F-1 report (Personal Financial Affair Statement) covering calendar year 2021 on February 7, 2023. (*Exhibit 3*)

## **Prior Violation:**

- The Respondent has one (1) prior violation with the PDC for a violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file the F-1 report for calendar year 2020. This is PDC Case 94177.
- The Respondent filed the missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2020 and her final F-1 report for portion of calendar year 2022 served on February 2, 2023 and February 7, 2023 respectively.
- The Respondent has paid the outstanding \$250 penalty for PDC Case 94177 that was sent to collections plus fees as of February 6, 2023. (*Exhibit 4*)

### **Request for Reconsideration:**

- On January 19, 2023, the Respondent e-mailed the PDC requesting a reconsideration of the \$1,000 penalty from PDC case 112528 due to financial hardship. (*Exhibit 5*)
- On February 14, 2023, PDC staff served the Respondent, by mail and email, with a hearing notice for a February 23, 2023 Reconsideration Hearing before the Public Disclosure Commission, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely. (Exhibit 6)