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Sent electronically to Retired Public Employees Council of WA at elisabeth.wittenberg@rpecwa.org

Subject: Initial Hearing (Case Status Review) After Opening a Formal Investigation, Retired Public Employees Council of WA - PDC Case 141681

Dear Retired Public Employees Council of WA:

After conducting a preliminary review and assessment of a complaint filed by Glen Morgan on August 21, 2023 concerning Retired Public Employees Council of WA, PDC staff opened a formal investigation and held an Initial Hearing (Case Status Review) on November 20, 2023, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755, and WACs 390-37-060 and 390-37-071.

At the hearing, it was noted that the Case Status Review is not an adjudicative proceeding, and that RCW 42.17A.755 provides PDC staff with additional tools to resolve complaints alleging non-compliance through the use of alternatives to full, formal adjudication or referral to the Attorney General's Office; these tools include resolving alleged violations by agreement through stipulation or statement of understanding, or an agreement to stay enforcement pending satisfaction of conditions of deferred enforcement. I am therefore encouraging you to work with staff on resolving this matter.

If you have questions, please contact Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Officer, by replying to the email to which this letter is attached.

Sincerely,

<u>Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee</u> Peter Frey Lavallee Executive Director