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Sent electronically to Tim Kestell at: tim.kestell@kiemlehagood.com

Sent electronically to Barbara Marney at: barbara@barbaramarney.com

Subject: Initial Hearing (Case Status Review) After Opening a Formal Investigation,
Citizens for Spokane Schools, PDC Case 141989

Dear Tim Kestell and Barbara Marney,

After conducting a preliminary review and assessment of the complaint filed by Glen Morgan on August 28, 2023, alleging that Citizens for Spokane Schools may have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely report contributions and expenditures during the period identified in the complaint, from 7/31/18 to 2/28/22, and RCW 42.17A.445 for the possible personal use of contributions, based on discrepancies in report balances from one report to the next report, PDC staff opened a formal investigation and held an Initial Hearing (Case Status Review) on December 5, 2023, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.755, and WACs 390-37-060 and 390-37-071. Thank you for participating in the Initial Hearing (Case Status Review) today.

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, including resolving alleged violations by agreement through stipulation or statement of understanding, or an agreement to stay enforcement pending satisfaction of conditions of deferred enforcement, and I am encouraging you to work with staff on resolving this matter.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Stutzman, Compliance Officer, at pdc@pdc.wa.gov or by phone at 360-664-8853.

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed Peter Frey Lavallee

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Executive Director