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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator

Date: November 8, 2023

Subject: Christopher Moore Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 144241

Allegations:

PDC staff alleges that Christopher Moore (The Respondent), an elected City Council Member for the City of Orting violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2022, due not later than April 17, 2023.

Background and Prior Violations:

- The Respondent was most recently elected to City Council Member for City of Orting and took office January 1, 2022.

- Between March 9th and April 13th 2023, PDC staff sent email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2022.

- On October 30, 2023 PDC staff mailed and emailed the respondent a Hearing notice regarding the missing report for calendar year 2022. This hearing notice was sent to the respondent's email and address of record.

- As of November 8, 2023 the Respondent has not filed an F-1 covering calendar year 2022.

Prior Violations

First Violation (PDC Case 110455)

- The Respondent, who was an elected official in the calendar year of 2021 as a City Council Member for the City of Orting failed to file an F-1 report for the calendar year 2021 which was due no later than April 15, 2022.

- At the September 1, 2022 Brief Enforcement Hearing, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a $250 penalty with $125 suspended.

- As of November 8, 2023, the missing F-1 report for the calendar year 2021 has not been filed and the $250 penalty has not been paid.

Additional Information

- Per WAC 390-37-143(5), cases “will automatically be scheduled before the full commission for an enforcement action when the respondent:
  (a) Was found in violation during a previous reporting period;
  (b)The violation remains in effect following any appeals; and
  (c) The person has not filed the disclosure forms that were the subject of the prior violation at the time the current hearing notice is being sent.”

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission find that The Respondent violated 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file an F-1 report for calendar year 2022, and:

1. Assess the Respondent a civil penalty for a second occasion of a violation where the report was not filed before the date of the hearing per WAC 390-37-182 to be made payable within 30 days of the date of the Order. The base penalty range for this fact pattern is $500 to $1,000: and

2. Require the respondent to file the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2022 within 30 days of the date of the Order.