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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Jordan Campbell, Compliance Coordinator

Date: November 8, 2023

Subject: Jones, Sativah Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 144244

Allegations:

PDC staff alleges that Sativah Jones (The Respondent), an appointed State Board Member for The Student Achievement Council 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:

- Sativah Jones was most recently appointed a State Board Member for The Student Achievement Council, in 2020.
- Between March 9th and April 28th 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 and November 2nd, 2023, respectively, PDC staff emailed and mailed 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 110560):

- The Respondent, who was an appointed State Board Member for The Student Achievement Council, failed to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2021, which was due no later than April 15, 2022.

- At a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the outstanding \$250 civil penalty for case 110560.
- In addition, the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2021 has not been filed.

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 file 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 first occasion of a violation heard at full 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 up to \$1,000, staff recommends up \$500-\$1000: and
2. Require Sativah Jones to file the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2022 within 30 days of the date of the Order.