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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Alice Fiman, Compliance Officer

Date: February 29, 2024

Subject: Talauna Reed Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 144637

Allegations:

PDC staff alleges Talauna Reed a candidate for Olympia School Board, Pos. 1 in the 2023 election, violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by not timely filing campaign reports (C-4 reports) disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign as required by campaigns registered under the “Full Reporting” option.

Background:

- Talauna Reed was a second-time candidate and current member of the Olympia School Board who participated in the 2023 Primary and General Elections. Reed was not elected to the position.
- On Oct. 30, 2023, PDC staff received a complaint filed by Barbara Amidon alleging Reed violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file Monetary Contribution reports (C-3 reports) and Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure reports (C-4 reports), disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign as required by campaigns registered under the “Full Reporting” option.
- The Committee to Elect Talauna Reed (CETR) did not file any C-4 reports between July 12 and November 3, 2023.
- PDC staff sent notice of the complaint to Reed on Nov. 3, 2023, and requested a response by Nov. 7, 2023.
- CETR responded on Nov. 4, 2023.

- On November 4, 2023, CETR filed 21-day and 7-day pre-primary C-4 reports, which reported \$4,325.26 in contributions received and \$1,921.47 in expenditures made between May and July 2023. These reports were due on July 11, 2023 and July 25, 2023. Instead, both reports were filed more than 100 days late and 95 days after the 2023 Primary Election.
- Also on November 4, 2023, CETR filed 21-day and 7-day pre-general C-4 reports, which reported \$7,896.65 in contributions received and \$6,287.47 in expenditures made during the 2023 Election. These reports were due on October 17, 2023, and October 31, 2023. Instead, both reports were filed late, three days before the 2023 General Election.
- On Dec. 13, 2023, PDC staff requested CETR file the 2023 post-election C-4 report. CETR responded on Dec. 13, 2023, noting the report would be filed.
- On Dec. 27, 2023, PDC staff again requested CETR file its final 2023 C-4 report. As of this writing, the report is still outstanding.
- On Jan. 4, 2024, PDC staff offered CETR a Statement of Understanding for consideration, noting the SOU was contingent on CETR filing the final 2023 C-4 report. CETR responded Jan. 14, 2024, accepting the SOU.
- CETR did not file the final 2023 C-4 report or return the signed statement and payment.
- PDC staff attempted to reach CETR by email and postal mail numerous times and there has been no response.

Laws & Rules:

RCW 42.17A.235 and **RCW 42.17A.240** require candidates to file timely, accurate reports of contributions and expenditures. Under the “Full Reporting” option, until five months before the general election, C-3 and C-4 reports are required monthly when contributions exceed \$200 since the last report; on the twenty-first day and the seventh day preceding the date of the primary and general election date; and on the tenth day of the first month after the primary and general election date.