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March 8, 2024

Talauna Reed 1220 Garrison St NE Olympia, WA 98506 Sent electronically to talauna4osd@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Order, Case 144637

Talauna Reed,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

At the Feb. 29, 2024, Brief Enforcement hearing, the Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$450, of which \$150 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-143. The \$300 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **April 8**, **2024**.

Please make the check or money order payable to "WA State Treasurer" and **mail** the payment to the following address:

Public Disclosure Commission PO Box 40908 Olympia, WA 98504-0908

It is also ordered that you file the missing C-4 report within 30 days of this order, which is **April 8**, **2024**.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Alice Fiman

PDC Staff

Enclosure: Initial Order

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A PDC Case 144637

Reed, Talauna Fi

Respondent.

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and **Order Imposing Fine**

Pursuant to the notice of brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) sent to Talauna Reed on Feb. 16, 2024, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on Feb. 29, 2024, remotely from Olympia, WA. The purpose of the hearing was to consider whether Talauna Reed violated RCW 42.17A.235 & .240 for failure to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contribution and Expenditure (C-4) reports, disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign as required by campaigns registered under the "Full Reporting" option.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW, 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commissioner Nancy Isserlis was the Presiding Officer and Commissioner Allen Hayward attended. The Commission staff was represented by Compliance Coordinators Tabitha Townsend, Jordan Campbell, and Colin Peeples, and Compliance Officers Alice Fiman and Erick Agina. The Respondent did not participate in the hearing or submit any written materials.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. 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 a position.

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- 2. On Oct. 30, 2023, PDC staff received a complaint from 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.
- 3. On November 4, 2023, the Committee to Elect Talauna Reed (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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. On Dec. 27, 2023, PDC staff again requested CETR file is final 2023 C-4 report. As of this writing, the report is still outstanding.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

- 1. This matter was duly and properly convened, and all jurisdictional, substantive, and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
- 2. Talauna Reed violated RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 by failing to timely and accurately file C-4 reports disclosing contributions and expenditures undertaken by the Campaign as required under the "Full Reporting" option.

ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

- 1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent shall file the missing C-4 report and is assessed a total civil penalty of \$450, in accordance with the Brief Enforcement penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143.
- 2. It is further ordered that \$150 of the \$450 penalty is suspended on the following conditions:

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- a. The Respondent does not commit any further violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years of the date of this Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.
- b. The Respondent pays the \$300 non-suspended civil penalty within 30 days of the date of this Order.
- c. The Respondent files all missing reports (C-1, F-1, C-3, C-4) within 30 days of the date of this Order.
- 3. It is further ordered that, if the Respondent fails to comply with any of the above conditions:
 - a. The full \$450 penalty shall immediately become due without further action by the Commission and PDC Staff is directed to refer the matter to collections and/or commence other legal proceedings as authorized by RCW 42.17A and 390 WAC.
 - b. The missing reports shall be due immediately.

This is an Initial Order of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 8th day of March 2024.

Public Disclosure Commission

Peter Frey Lavallee

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee

Peter Frey Lavallee

Executive Director

I, Alice Fiman, certify that I emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective email address of record. I certify that I also mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their physical address of record.

Electronically Signed Alice Fiman March 8, 2024

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APPEALS OF INITIAL ORDER

REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION

You may request that the full Commission review this initial order. To seek review, you must:

- Make the request by email, stating the reason for review, and identifying what alleged errors are contained in the initial order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(1).
- All requests for review must be submitted electronically to pdc@pdc.wa.gov REQUESTS FOR REVIEW MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE THIS INITIAL ORDER WAS ELECTRONICALLY DISTRIBUTED TO YOU.

If review of this initial order is timely requested, the full Commission will hear the matter. If the Commission is unable to schedule a meeting to consider the request within twenty (20) calendar days, this initial order becomes a final order, and any request for review will automatically be considered a request for reconsideration of a final order. See WAC 390-37-144(4). The matter would then be scheduled for consideration and disposition at the next Commission meeting at which it is practicable to do so.

A Respondent does not need to pay a penalty until after the Commission rules on a request for review of an initial order.

FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

If the Commission does not receive a request for review of this initial order within twenty-one (21) calendar days, the initial order shall be the FINAL ORDER. *See* WAC 390-37-142(7).

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A FINAL ORDER TO SUPERIOR COURT, PURSUANT TO THE PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW PROVISIONS OF RCW 34.05.542.

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