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June 13, 2024

Delivered electronically to Misipati Semi Bird at semi@birdforgovernor.com and bruce@ayersconsulting.com

Subject: Complaint filed by Robert Parker, PDC Case 150818

Dear Semi Bird:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Robert Parker concerning a complaint filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

PDC staff is in receipt of the Statement of Understanding (SOU) you signed, and the payment of the \$150 civil penalty assessed in this matter, per WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule). This resolves the violations committed by you for failing to accurately disclose personal financial information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) for calendar year 2022.

Accordingly, as noted in the letter to Mr. Parker, the PDC has dismissed this matter following RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

PDC staff expects that, in the future, you follow all applicable PDC laws, rules and guidance. If violations of PDC laws or rules occur in the future, the Commission will consider the SOU in deciding on further Commission action.

If you have questions, you may contact Tanya Mercier by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by,

/s/ Electronically signed

Tanya Mercier
Compliance Officer

/s/ Electronically signed

Peter Frey Lavallee
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Subject: Complaint against Misipati Semi Bird, PDC Case 150818

Dear Robert Parker:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review and assessment of the complaint you filed on March 22, 2024. The complaint alleged that Semi Bird, while a School Director for the Richland 400 School District, and as an election year 2024 candidate for Governor of Washington State, may have violated RCW 42.17A.710 by failing to accurately disclose personal financial information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1).

PDC staff reviewed the allegation(s); the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response(s) provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; and other relevant information, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff's review, we found the following:

- Semi Bird was an elected Richland 400 School Director for the period of November 23, 2021, to August 15, 2023. On November 12, 2022, Mr. Bird filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) for election year 2024 as a candidate for Governor of Washington State.
- RCW 42.17A.710 and WAC 390-24 outline the requirements for the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) disclosure. A candidate running for an office in a jurisdiction with at least 2,000 registered voters, or a candidate in a jurisdiction with fewer voters but who will raise or expect to raise at least \$7,000 in contributions, must file an F-1. The F-1 must be filed within two weeks of becoming a candidate. The reporting period for a candidate is the previous 12 months from the filing date of the F-1. Elected officials, state boards and commission members, state agency directors, and legislative and

gubernatorial professional staff must file annually. Annual reports are due April 15 and cover the previous calendar year.

- A CY2022 F-1, for the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, for an elected official was due April 17, 2023 (the first business day following April 15, which fell on a Saturday in 2023). Mr. Bird filed a timely CY2022 F-1 on April 17, 2023.
- Your complaint alleged Mr. Bird did not include, on his CY2022 F-1, a business association, previously disclosed on his CY2021 F-1, and a debt incurred in 2022 through the arbitration of a business dispute where he was named personally liable.
- On April 7, 2024, Mr. Bird amended the CY2022 F-1 to include the \$60,000 debt owed by him to the individuals named in the arbitration agreement. However, he did not update the business association, and PDC staff let him know on April 16, 2024. Then on April 19, 2024, he again amended the F-1 to include Patriot Builders, LLC, a business for which he owned 10 percent or more interest, but inadvertently dropped the \$60,000 debt. On May 9, 2024, Mr. Bird again amended the F-1 to report the \$60,000 debt.
- Mr. Bird has previously accepted an SOU and paid a \$100 penalty for PDC case #95488 where he acknowledged violating RCW 42.17A.700 for untimely filing of the 2021 F-1 at the time he became a candidate for elected office.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(f), Semi Bird completed a Statement of Understanding (SOU) and paid a \$150 civil penalty in accordance with WAC 390-37-143 (Brief Enforcement Penalty Schedule), acknowledging a violation of RCW 42.17A.710 for failing to accurately disclose personal financial information on the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) for calendar year 2022. The \$150 penalty assessed resolves the allegations listed in your complaint.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action necessary and has dismissed this matter per RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Tanya Mercier by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Electronically signed

Tanya Mercier
Compliance Officer

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cc: Semi Bird