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Public Disclosure Commission Statement of Understanding
Misipati Semi Bird
PDC Cases 150818 and 152546

I, Misipati Semi Bird, hereby acknowledge that, while a School Director for the Richland 400 School District, and as an election year 2024 candidate for Governor of Washington State, I violated RCW 42.17A.710 by failing to accurately disclose personal financial information on the calendar year (CY) 2022 Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1), RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 by failing to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports disclosing expenditure activities, and RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include the party preference I selected on political advertising.

The facts are as follows:

- I was an elected Richland 400 School Director for the period of November 23, 2021, to August 15, 2023.
- On November 12, 2022, I filed a Candidate Registration (C-1) for election year 2024 as a candidate for Governor of Washington State.
- A CY2022 Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1), for the period January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, for an elected official was due after January 1st and before April 15, 2023. I filed a timely CY2022 F-1 on April 17, 2023.
- On March 22, 2024, a complaint was filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC), see case 150818, alleging that I did not include on my CY2022 F-1 a business association, previously disclosed on my CY2021 F-1, and a debt incurred in 2022 through the arbitration of a business dispute where I was named personally liable.
- On April 7, 2024, I amended the CY2022 F-1 to include the \$60,000 debt owed by me to the individuals named in the arbitration agreement. I did not update the business association, and the PDC notified me on April 16, 2024. Then on April 19, 2024, I again amended the F-1 to include Patriot Builders, LLC, a business for which I owned 10 percent or more interest, but inadvertently dropped the \$60,000 debt. On May 9, 2024, I again amended the F-1 to report the \$60,000 debt.

- On April 10, 2024, a complaint was filed with the PDC, see case 152546, alleging that I did not timely and accurately report campaign expenditures, specifically I did not enter the required expenditure detail on a C-4 report filed April 8, 2024, covering the time period of March 1 – 31, 2024. Previously, on February 13, 2024, I was issued a warning for violations of RCW 42.17A.235, .240, and .320.
- On April 22, I amended the C-4 report, adding the required expenditure detail.
- The April 10, 2024, complaint also alleged I did not include my declared party preference on merchandise available on my website.
- On May 2, 2024, I responded to the PDC and stated the error was due to an out-of-state vendor not including the require party preference and the merchandise would include party preference going forward.

I would like to avoid the time and expense of a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing). Therefore, in lieu of a hearing, I acknowledge that I violated Washington State law as described above and agree to enter into this *Statement of Understanding* (SOU) to resolve the above matter with the PDC.

In accordance with the Penalty Schedule adopted by the Commission for Brief Enforcement Hearings set forth in WAC 390-37-143, I agree to pay a combined penalty of \$450 for acknowledged violations of RCW 42.17A.710, RCW 42.17A.235 and .240, and RCW 42.17A.320. The breakdown of the combined penalty is \$150 for failing to accurately disclose personal financial information on the same CY2022 F-1, \$150 for failing to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports disclosing expenditure activities, and \$150 for failing to include the party preference I selected.

I understand that, by signing this SOU, I acknowledge the violation of Chapter 42.17A RCW and Title 390 WAC set forth above and waive my right to a hearing in this matter. I further understand that signing this SOU and returning it to the PDC with a payment for the \$450 civil penalty will resolve the issue of failing to file an accurate statement disclosing personal information on my CY2022 Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1), the issue of failing to timely and accurately file Summary Full Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (C-4) reports disclosing expenditure activities, and the issue of failing to include the party preference I selected, as indicated above.



Misipati Semi Bird


Date Signed

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