



State of Washington
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Amy Ruble
950 Big Pine Way
Forks, WA 98331

November 6, 2024

And delivered electronically to amyr@forkshospital.org

Subject: PDC Order, Case 156858

Dear Amy Ruble,

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

At the October 26, 2024, Full Enforcement hearing, the Commission reviewed the penalty assessed at the August 29, 2024, Brief Enforcement Proceeding

The result of this request for reconsideration is that the request is granted. As such, the order dated November 6, 2024, has been Vacated.

Thank you. If you have questions, please contact us by email at pdc@pdc.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Colin Peebles

PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

9 In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
10 Against:

11 AMY RUBLE,

12 Respondent.
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PDC CASE NO. 156858

FINAL ORDER ON
RECONSIDERATION

15 This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on October 24, 2024, by in-person, telephonic, and online streaming access.
17 Respondent Amy Ruble requested reconsideration of the Presiding Officer's order entered on
18 September 20, 2024, following a Brief Enforcement Hearing (Brief Adjudicative Proceeding) on
19 August 29, 2024, in this matter. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and
20 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

21 Commissioners present both in-person and online were Allen Hayward, Commission
22 Chair (presiding); J. Robert Leach, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Nancy Isserlis,
23 Douglass North, and James Oswald. Also present both in-person and online were Assistant
24 Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Senior Assistant Attorney
25 General Chad Standifer representing PDC Staff, and Colin Peeples, PDC Compliance
26 Coordinator. Chair Hayward recused himself from considering this matter. Notice was provided

1 to the Respondent and she did appear on her own behalf.
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3 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:
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- 5 • Case memorandum dated October 16, 2024, prepared by Colin Peebles, PDC Compliance
6 Coordinator;
- 7 • Brief Enforcement Hearing Notice, served August 22, 2024;
- 8 • Initial Order Imposing Fine, entered September 20, 2024;
- 9 • Respondent's request for reconsideration, dated October 4, 2024;
- 10 • Reconsideration Hearing Notice, served October 8, 2024.

11 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 Respondent requested that the Commission reconsider an Initial Order entered on
13 September 20, 2024, resulting from an Initial Hearing on August 29, 2024. The matter involves
14 Amy Ruble, an appointed Hospital Commissioner for Clallam Public Hospital District 01 who
15 failed to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1), no later than April 15, 2024.
16 The Respondent has no prior violations with the PDC.
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- 18 1. Between March 12, 2024 and April 23, 2024, PDC staff sent email reminders to
19 all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for
20 calendar year 2023.
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- 22 2. On August 22, 2024, PDC staff mailed and emailed the Respondent a hearing
23 notice for a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) to be
24 held on August 29, 2024. The hearing notice was sent to the Respondent's
25 mailing and email address of record.
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3. At the Brief Enforcement Hearing held on August 29, 2024, the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to timely file the missing F-1 report no later than April 15, 2024, and was assessed a civil penalty of \$150 with \$40 suspended consistent with WAC 390-37-143, the Brief Enforcement Hearing penalty schedule adopted by the Commission.
4. On September 20, 2024, the Respondent was served with the August 29, 2024, Initial Order memorializing the Commission's ruling to the Respondent's mail and email addresses of record.
5. On October 6, 2024, the Respondent requested reconsideration because she had repeated difficulty accessing the online filing system (as well as her State Access Washington or SAW account), and had already filed paper copies of the report with the PDC in July, 2024.
6. On October 10, 2024, PDC staff served the Respondent by mail and email with a hearing notice for an October 24, 2024, Reconsideration Hearing before the Public Disclosure Commission, along with instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter 42.17A. RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

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- 2 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office
- 3 in 2023 was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report)
- 4 disclosing financial information for calendar year 2023 no later than May 24,
- 5 2024.
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8 **III. ORDER**

9 This Order on Reconsideration will be the Final Order. After consideration of the

10 mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the

11 Respondent's request for Reconsideration is GRANTED, and the Initial Order imposing a civil

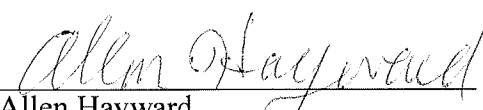
12 penalty of \$150, with \$40 suspended, is VACATED.

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14 SO ORDERED this 6th day of November 2024.

15 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
16 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

17 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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19 Allen Hayward,
20 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

21 *This order sent by email to:*

22 Amy Ruble, Respondent
23 950 Big Pine Way
24 Forks, WA 98331
25 amyr@forkshospital.org
26 mainsthair@icloud.com

25 Colin Peeples,
26 PDC Compliance Coordinator,
 cdc@cdc.wa.gov

I, Colin Peeples, certify that I emailed a copy of this order
to the Respondent at his respective email address.

<u>Colin Peeples</u>	<u>November 6, 2024</u>
Signed	Date

1 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

2 You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for
3 Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final
4 Order must be filed with the court and also served upon both the Commission and the Office of
5 the Attorney general within thirty (30) days after the date this Final Order is served upon you.
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