



State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Ben Callies
138 Wallace Rd,
Mossyrock WA 98564

November 6, 2024

And delivered electronically to BEN_CALLIES@HOTMAIL.COM

Subject: PDC Order, Case 160023

Dear Ben Callies,

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

At the October 24, 2024 Full Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$2000, of which \$1500 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$500 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is December 5, 2024.

Online Payment Option:

To make an online payment email payments@pdc.wa.gov.

A payment link will be sent to you, in which you will need to provide the following information: (1) Case Number; and (2) Respondent Name. Please note Processing fees may apply.

To mail a check or money order, make it payable to the "Washington State Treasurer" and be sure to include the PDC Case Number 160023 in the memorandum field.

For Regular Mail:

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

For Overnight Mail or In-Person Delivery:

Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way S, STE 206
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It is also ordered that you file the missing REPORT reports within 30 days of this order, which is December 5, 2024.

Please contact the collection agency PMT Solutions directly at (425) 882-4800 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violation (PDC Case 139567).

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

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell

PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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

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

PDC CASE NO. 160023

FINAL ORDER

12 BEN CALLIES,

13 Respondent.
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15 This matter was heard in person by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
16 (Commission) on October 24, 2024, by telephonic, in person, and online streaming access.
17 Respondent Ben Callies was provided notice on October 3, 2024, and October 11, 2024, of the
18 hearing date. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and
19 Chapter 390-37 WAC.

20 Commissioners present in person were Allen Hayward, Commission Chair (presiding);
21 J. Robert Leach, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners Nancy Isserlis, Douglass North,
22 and James Oswald. Also present were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing
23 the Commission, Senior Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer representing PDC Staff, and
24 Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and
25 he did not appear on his own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.
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1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

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- 3 1. Case memorandum dated October 16, 2024, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC
- 4 Compliance Coordinator;
- 5 2. Hearing Notices, mailed and dated October 3, 2024, and October 11, 2024;
- 6 3. Final Order for prior violation: PDC Case 141937, served November 9, 2023.
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8 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

9 The matter involves Respondent Ben Callies, an incumbent School Director for

10 Mossyrock School District. Respondent is alleged to have violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failure

11 to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) with the Public Disclosure

12 Commission no later than April 15, 2024, disclosing financial information for the calendar year

13 2023.

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- 15 1. Between March 12th and April 23rd of 2024, PDC staff sent seven email reminders
- 16 to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for
- 17 calendar year 2023.
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- 19 2. On October 3, 2024, PDC Staff served the Respondent by email and mail with a
- 20 hearing notice for an October 24, 2024, Enforcement Hearing before the full
- 21 Public Disclosure Commission concerning his failure to file the F-1 report. On
- 22 October 11, 2024, PDC Staff served the Respondent by email and mail with an
- 23 updated hearing notice that included the time of the hearing. Both notices were
- 24 sent to the Respondent's email and mailing address of record.
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1 3. As of the date of the hearing the Respondent has not filed the missing F-1 report
2 covering calendar year 2023 that was due no later than April 15, 2024.

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4 4. There is one prior case for violation of RCW 42.17A.700:

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- 7 • PDC Case 141937. At an October 11, 2023, Brief Enforcement
8 Hearing, Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700
9 for failing to file the F-1 report for calendar year 2022, which was
10 due not later than April 17, 2022. A total civil penalty of \$250,
11 with \$100 suspended, was assessed in accordance with the penalty
12 schedule adopted by the Commission in effect at that time. As of
13 October 24, 2024, the Respondent has not filed the required F-1
14 report and has not paid the civil penalty.
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17 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

18 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
19 42.17A. RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05
20 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.

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22 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office
23 in 2023 was required to file an F-1 Report, disclosing financial information for
24 calendar year 2023 no later than April 15, 2024.

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2 **III. ORDER**

3 This Order will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and
4 aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Commission
5 assesses a civil penalty of \$2,000 for the late filed F-1 Report, with \$1,500 suspended, on the
6 following conditions:

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8 1. a. The \$500 non-suspended portion of the \$2,000 civil penalty due
9 for failure to timely file the F-1 report for calendar year 2023 in
10 violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is paid by the Respondent within 30 days
11 of the date of this Final Order.

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13 b. The missing F-1 reports for calendar years 2022 and 2023, are
14 filed within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.

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16 c. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC
17 reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further
18 violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years
19 of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be
20 assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or
21 error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a
22 technical correction.

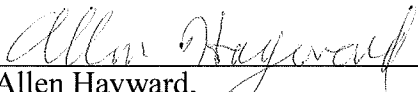
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24 2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within
25 30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar
26 year 2023 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collection

1 or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the
2 Commission.
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4 SO ORDERED this 6th day of November 2024.

5 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
6 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

7 FOR THE COMMISSION:

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9 Allen Hayward,
Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

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11 *This order sent by email and mail to:*

12 Ben Callies, Respondent
13 138 Wallace Road
Mossyrock, WA 98564
14 BEN_CALLIES@Hotmail.com

15 Jordan Campbell,
PDC Compliance Coordinator,
16 pdc@pdc.wa.gov

I, Jordan Campbell, certify that I emailed and mailed a
copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective
email and mailing address.

Jordan Campbell
Signed

November 6, 2024
Date

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18 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

19 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
20 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
21 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
22 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

23 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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