

# State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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October 9, 2025

Delivered electronically to robert.scott@westthurstonfire.org

Subject: PDC Order, Case 173085

Dear Robert Scott.

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

At the September 25, 2025 Enforcement hearing, the Commission assessed a total civil penalty of \$800, of which \$400 is suspended, in accordance with WAC 390-37-182. The \$400 non-suspended penalty is payable within 30 days of the date of this Order, which is **November 10, 2025**.

## **Online Payment Option:**

To make an online payment please respond to the email accompanying this order requesting the payment link.

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.

Processing fees may apply.

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It is also ordered that you file the missing C-1 and F-1 reports within 30 days of this order.

Please contact the collection agency FAMS directly by calling (855) 706-8200 to pay the outstanding penalty from your prior violation (156933).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact us by email at <a href="mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov">pdc@pdc.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Electronically Signed by Jordan Campbell

PDC Staff

Enclosure: Final Order

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7	BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION		
8	OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON		
9	In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action	PDC CASE NO. 173085	
10	Against:	FINAL ORDER	
11	ROBERT W. SCOTT,		
12	Respondent.		
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15	This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission		
16	(Commission) on September 25, 2025, by in-person, telephonic, and online streaming access		
17	The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.0:	5 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37	
18	WAC.		
19	Commissioners present in-person were J. Robert Leach, Commission Chair (presiding).		
20	Douglass North, Commission Vice-Chair, and Commissioner James Oswald. Also present were		
21	Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Assistant Attorney		
22	General Susie Giles-Klein, representing PDC Staff, a	nd Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance	
23	Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and he did not appear on his own behalf		
24	The proceedings were open to the public and recorded.		
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The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- Memorandum, dated September 15, 2025, prepared by Jordan Campbell, PDC Compliance Coordinator;
- Enforcement Hearing Notice, PDC Case Number 173085, dated September 3, 2025, for a September 25, 2025, enforcement hearing before the full Commission;
- Order Imposing Fine, PDC Case Number 156933, dated September 20, 2024.

# I. FINDINGS OF FACT

This matter involves allegations the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.205 and RCW 42.17A.700(2) by failing to file the required Candidate Registration (C-1 Report) and Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) covering the previous 12 months prior to becoming a candidate for election year 2025, due within 14 days of becoming a candidate or no later than May 23, 2025. The Respondent has one prior violation with the PDC.

- The Respondent was a candidate for Fire Commissioner for West Thurston Regional Fire Authority (Rochester) and declared his candidacy on May 9, 2025, for the 2025 election year.
- 2. Between May 12 and May 27, 2025, PDC staff sent email reminders to all registered candidates regarding their missing C-1 and F-1 reports for election year 2025.

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- 3. On September 3, 2025, PDC staff emailed and mailed the Respondent a hearing notice regarding the missing reports for election year 2025. The notice was sent to the Respondent's email and mailing addresses of record.
- 4. As of the date of the September 25, 2025 hearing before the Commission, the Respondent had not filed the C-1 or F-1 reports covering election year 2025.
- 5. Respondent has one prior enforcement violation:
  - a. PDC Case 156933. Respondent was elected or appointed Fire Commissioner for West Thurston Regional Fire Authority (Rochester) and failed to file the required F-1 report, that was due no later than April 15, 2024. At an August 29, 2024, Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing), Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A,700 and assessed a \$250 civil penalty, with \$50 suspended, provided the conditions of the order were met and there were no further violation for four years. To date, Respondent has not paid the outstanding \$250 civil penalty and the missing F-1 report for election year 2023 has not been filed.

#### II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700(2) a candidate for an election year must file a Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Report) within two weeks of declaring their candidacy for public office.
- 3. Pursuant to RCE 42.17A.205 a candidate for an election year must file a Candidate Registration report (C-1 report) within two weeks of declaring their candidacy for public office.

#### III. ORDER

This Order will be the Final Order. After consideration of the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of Law, the Respondent is assessed an aggregated civil penalty for failure to timely file both the C-1 and F-1 reports of \$800, with \$400 suspended. The suspended portion of the civil penalty is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. a. The non-suspended portion (\$400) of the \$800 civil penalty for failure to file the C-1 and F-1 reports within two weeks of becoming a candidate for the 2025 election year in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 and RCW 42.17A.700 are paid by the Respondent within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
  - b. The Respondent files the missing C-1 report for 2025 and the F-1 reports for election years 2024 and 2025, and pays the delinquent civil penalty of \$250 (2024) including any collection fees or costs within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.

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2	c. The Respondent remains in full compliance with all PDC		
3	reporting requirements and is not found to have committed any further		
4	violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC within four years		
5	of the date of this Final Order. The suspended penalty shall not be		
6	assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or		
7	error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a		
8	technical correction.		
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10	2. If the Respondent fails to meet the conditions in Section III(1) of this order within		
11	30 days of the date of this order, the suspended portion of the penalty for calendar		
12	year 2025 shall immediately become due and the matter may be sent to collection		
13	or brought to Superior Court as allowed by law without further action by the		
14	Commission.		
15	SO ORDERED this 9th day of October, 2025.		
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17	WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION		
18	FOR THE COMMISSION:		
19	_J. Robert Leach_		
20	J. Robert Leach (Oct 9, 2025 08:19:33 PDT)		
21	J. Robert Leach, Chair, Public Disclosure Commission		
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23	This order sent by email to:		
24	Robert W. Scott, Respondent I, Jordan Campbell, certify that I emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective email address.		
25	Jordan Campbell,  Jordan Campbell (Oct 9, 2025		
26	PDC Compliance Coordinator, Signed Date		
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**NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION** Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested. Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908. **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW** You have the right to appeal this Final Order to Superior Court, pursuant to the Petition for Judicial Review provisions of RCW 34.05.542. Any Petition for Judicial Review of this Final 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.