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

In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
Against:

ROBERT GUMM,

Respondent.

PDC CASE NO. 173236

FINAL ORDER ON REQUEST
FOR REVIEW

This matter was heard by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) on August 28, 2025, by telephonic and online streaming access. Respondent Robert Gumm requested review on August 12, 2025, of the Presiding Officer’s Order entered on July 22, 2025, following a Brief Enforcement Hearing on June 25, 2025. The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW, and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

Commissioners present online were J. Robert Leach, Commission Chair (presiding), and Commissioners Nancy Isserlis and James Oswald. Also present in-person and online were Assistant Attorney General John S. Meader representing the Commission, Senior Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer representing PDC staff, and Colin Peeples, PDC Compliance Coordinator. Notice was provided to the Respondent and he appeared on his own behalf. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

1 The Commissioners had before them the following materials:

- 2 1. Case memorandum dated August 20, 2025, prepared by Colin Peeples, PDC
3 Compliance Coordinator;
- 4 2. Brief Adjudicative Proceeding notice dated May 29, 2025;
- 5 3. Initial Order Imposing Fine, entered July 22, 2025;
- 6 4. Respondent's email request for appeal, undated;
- 7 5. Review Hearing Notice for Case No. 173236, dated August 12, 2025.

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9 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

10 The matter involved Respondent's request for the Commission to review an Initial Order
11 entered on July 22, 2025, resulting from an Initial Hearing on June 25, 2025, regarding Robert
12 Gumm, a candidate for School Director of Colville School District 115 for the 2025 election
13 cycle. The presiding Officer at the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding found the Respondent in
14 violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to file a Candidate Registration report (C-1) within two
15 weeks of declaring his candidacy. The Respondent has no prior violations with the PDC.

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17 1. Between May 12, and May 23, 2025, PDC staff sent email reminders to all
18 registered candidates regarding their missing Election Year 2025 C-1 statements.
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- 20 2. On May 29, 2025, PDC staff emailed Respondent a hearing notice regarding the
21 missing report. This hearing notice was sent to Respondent's email address of
22 record.
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- 24 3. A Brief Enforcement Hearing was held June 25, 2025, where the Respondent was
25 found to have violated RCW 42.17A.205 due to failure to file a C-1 report within
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1 two weeks of declaring his candidacy. The Presiding Officer imposed a \$250
2 civil penalty, with \$50 suspended, consistent with WAC 390-37-143, the Brief
3 Enforcement Hearing penalty schedule adopted by the Commission.
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5 4. On July 22, 2025, PDC staff served Respondent an Initial Order by email to the
6 Respondent's email address of record.
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8 5. On August 12, 2025, Respondent contacted PDC by email requesting to appeal
9 the penalty assessed in the Initial Order entered July 22, 2025.
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11 6. On August 12, 2025, PDC staff served Respondent a hearing notice by email for
12 an August 28, 2025, Review Hearing before the Commission, along with
13 instructions on how to participate in the hearing remotely.
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15 7. The Respondent experienced significant health challenges that hampered his
16 timely response to filing deadlines. The Respondent's C-1 form was filed with
17 the PDC prior to the hearing.
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19 20 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

21 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
22 42.17A. RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05
23 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.
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3 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

4 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
5 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
6 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
7 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
8 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.

9 **NOTICE: PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

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