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

In Re: The Matter of Enforcement Action
Against:

AURORA FLORES,

Respondent.

PDC CASE NO. 173277

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 Aurora Flores 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 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 she did not appear. 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. Review Hearing Notice for Case No. 173277, dated August 12, 2025.

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8 **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

9 The matter involved Respondent's request for the Commission to review an Initial Order
10 entered on July 22, 2025, resulting from an Initial Hearing on June 25, 2025, regarding Aurora
11 Flores, a candidate for School Director of Mason County School District 019 for the 2025
12 election cycle. The presiding Officer at the Brief Adjudicative Proceeding found the Respondent
13 in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1)
14 within two weeks of declaring her candidacy. The Respondent has no prior violations with the
15 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 F-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.700 due to failure to file an F-1 report within
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1 two weeks of declaring her candidacy. The Presiding Officer imposed a \$150
2 civil penalty, with \$25 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 16 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

17 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to Chapter
18 42.17A. RCW, the State campaign finance and disclosure law; Chapter 34.05
19 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act; and Title 390 WAC.
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21 2. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, a candidate for Election Year 2025 is required to
22 file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) within two weeks of declaring
23 their candidacy.
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1 **III. ORDER**

2 This Order on Review will be the Final Order. After consideration of the facts of this
3 case and the mitigating and aggravating factors, the Findings of Fact, and the Conclusions of
4 Law, the Initial Hearing Order finding the Respondent in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 is
5 MODIFIED. The Respondent is found to be in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failure to
6 timely file her F-1 report and is assessed a civil penalty of \$150, with \$50 suspended, on the
7 following conditions:

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- 9 1. a. The non-suspended portion of the civil penalty (\$100) is paid
10 within 30 days of the date of this Final Order.
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- 12 b. The missing F-1 statement due for the 2025 election year after
13 becoming a candidate is filed within 30 days of the date of this Final
14 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 2025 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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5 SO ORDERED this 8th day of September, 2025.

6 WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
7 DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

8 FOR THE COMMISSION:

9 J. Robert Leach
10 J. Robert Leach (Sep 8, 2025 09:08:27 PDT)

11 J. Robert Leach,
12 Chair, Public Disclosure Commission

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14 *This order sent by email to:*

15 Aurora Flores, Respondent,
16 Aflores1986@yahoo.com;

17 Colin Peeples,
18 PDC Compliance Coordinator,
19 pdc@pdc.wa.gov

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

Colin Peeples
Colin Peeples (Sep 8, 2025 09:13:27 PDT)

Signed _____ Date September 8, 2025

20 **NOTICE: RECONSIDERATION**

21 Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 390-37-150, you may file a Petition for
22 Reconsideration with the PDC within ten (10) days from the date this Final Order is served upon
23 you. Any Request for reconsideration must state the specific grounds for the relief requested.
24 Petitions must be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission,
25 711 Capitols Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia WA 98504-0908.
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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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