



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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Delivered electronically to joe.mallahan@gmail.com

Subject: PDC Case 174299 regarding Matthew Joseph Mallahan (Joe Mallahan)

Joe Mallahan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) completed its review of the complaint filed by Conner Edwards on June 1, 2025. The complaint alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240 for failure to timely and accurately disclosure contributions and expenditures on reports.

Applicable Laws and Rules

Pursuant to [RCW 42.17A.235\(3\)\(a\)](#), each treasurer of a candidate or political committee is required to file a report on the tenth day of each month during which they are not participating in an election campaign only if the committee 1) received a contribution or made an expenditure in the preceding calendar month; and 2) either total contributions received or total expenditures made since the last such report exceed \$750.

Pursuant to [RCW 42.17A.240\(2\)](#), monetary contributions are disclosed on C-3 reports, which must include, but are not limited to: 1) the name and address of each person who contributed more than \$100 during the period covered by the report; 2) the monetary value and date of each contribution , except for the items specifically mentioned in subsection (2)(a) through (g); and 3) the aggregate value of all contributions received from each person during the campaign. “Contribution,” as defined, includes an in-kind contribution, which is disclosed on a C-4 report.

Background and Findings

- The Respondent had a negative balance on line 18 due to reporting their own funds given to their campaign incorrectly, C-4 report 110291346.
- The Respondent stated this error was made due to confusion on how to report their funds to their own campaign.
- The Respondent amended the necessary reports to get the balance on line 18 to reflect correctly.
- The reporting of the candidate filing fee was amended to reflect on the C-4 report.

- The reporting of the annual fee for the PO Box billing was amended and included as an expenditure under the \$200 threshold to be itemized.
- The Respondent does not have previous warnings/violations of PDC requirements.

Summary and Resolution

Based on our findings, staff has determined that, in this instance, any violation that may have occurred was minor and has been cured. After consideration of the circumstances, further proceedings would not serve the purpose of this chapter. Under WAC 390-37-060, the executive director, at any time prior to consideration by the commission, may dismiss a complaint which on its face, or as shown by investigation, provides reason to believe that a violation has occurred, but also shows that the respondent is in substantial compliance with the relevant statutes or rules, or shows that formal enforcement action is not warranted. The failure to timely and accurately file reports does not amount to a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, you are receiving a formal written warning concerning failure to timely and accurately disclosure of all contribution and expenditures. PDC staff expects that you will timely and accurately file all future required reports of contributions and expenditures. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on this information, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, contact Tabitha Townsend at 1-877-601-2828 or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed by Tabitha Townsend
Tabitha Townsend
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavalley
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Executive Director

cc: Conner Edwards