# State of Washington PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION 711 Capitol Way Rm. 206, PO Box 40908 • Olympia, Washington 98504-0908 (360) 753-1111 • FAX (360) 753-1112 Toll Free 1-877-601-2828 • E-mail: pdc@pdc.wa.gov • Website: www.pdc.wa.gov

#### **MINUTES** – Regular Meeting

9:30 a.m. | February 22, 2024 711 Capitol Way S. #206 Olympia, Washington

### **Commission Members**

Nancy Isserlis, Chair; Allen Hayward, Vice Chair; Fred Jarrett, Member; J. Leach, Member.

## Commission Members (Participated via Microsoft Teams)

Douglass North, Member.

## Staff Present

Peter Frey Lavallee, Executive Director; Kim Bradford, Deputy Director; Sean Flynn, General Counsel; Jana Greer, Administrative Officer; James Gutholm, Chief Information Officer; BG Sandahl, Compliance Officer; Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator; Colin Peeples, Compliance Coordinator; Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff.

# Staff Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)

Kendra Hodgson, Customer Service and Outreach Director; Kurt Young, Compliance Officer; Christina Shearer, Senior Financial Consultant, DES; John Meader, Assistant Attorney General representing the Commission; Simone Prince-Eichner, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff.

The regular meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) was called to order by Chair Isserlis at 9:30 a.m.

The February 22, 2024, Public Disclosure Commission meeting was streamed live via TVW at <u>WAPDC.02.22.24</u>. Public attended in-person and remotely via a MS Teams Link.

## Chair Opening Comments | PDC Meeting Video

Chair Isserlis welcomed all attendees and viewers to the February 22, 2024, Regular Commission meeting.

## Public Comment | PDC Meeting Video

As was noticed and announced, a Teams video and conference line was provided for public comment during this time.

The following person(s) provided public comment:

- <u>C Davis</u>, candidate, commented on proposed changes regarding the agency complaint process.
- Daniel Hodun, commented on an enforcement matter.
- <u>Conner Edwards</u>, campaign treasurer, commented on the agency enforcement process and his Administrative Procedure Act petition.

# Written Comment(s) Submitted

- Edwards
- <u>Kunzler</u>

### Consideration and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes | PDC Meeting Video

Meeting minutes were presented to the Commission for consideration and possible approval:

- January 25, 2024, Regular Meeting.
- **MOTION 24-06** Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner Jarrett that the Commission approve the meeting minutes as submitted for the January 25, 2024, regular meeting.

The motion <u>passed</u> 5 - 0.

#### Budget Update | PDC Meeting Video

Executive Director Frey Lavallee and Christina Shearer, Senior Financial Consultant, DES, provided the budget update to the Commission.

### Rulemaking PDC Meeting Video

General Counsel Flynn presented the petition to amend rule <u>WAC 390-05-120</u> to create automated notices of reporting deadlines, automated filing reminders, and automated non-filing notices for consideration and possible action to the Commission.

- APA Request Edwards.
- Petition January 2024.
- <u>Memo 2.14.24</u>.
- <u>Response to Petition</u>.
- MOTION 24-07Moved by Commissioner Hayward and seconded by Commissioner Jarrett that<br/>the Commission deny the petition to amend rule WAC 390-05-120.

The motion <u>passed</u> 5 - 0.

General Counsel Flynn provided an update on agency 6-month rule development agenda.

#### Legislative Update PDC Meeting Video

General Counsel Flynn updated the Commission on agency request legislation and other bills of interest to the PDC.

#### Management Team Updates | PDC Meeting Video

- Executive Director Update.
- <u>Deputy Director Update</u>.
- Customer Service and Filer Assistance Update.
- Information Technology Update.

#### Reporting Modification Requests | PDC Meeting Video

11:02 a.m. | The Commission conducted a hearing concerning requests for reporting modifications. Compliance Coordinators Tabitha Townsend and Colin Peeples presented the requests to the Commission for consideration and possible approval.

#### **Renewal Modification Requests:**

 <u>Mary Pugh</u> – Non-Voting Board Member, State Investment Board <u>WAC 390-28-100(1)(b)</u> Mary Pugh <u>Memo</u>

Mary Pugh participated via Microsoft teams.

**MOTION 24-08** Moved by Commissioner Jarrett and seconded by Commissioner Leach that the Commission grant the partial reporting modification and retroactively grant, on the basis that literal application of the law would cause a manifestly unreasonable hardship on the applicant and that the limited modification would not frustrate the purposes of the Act.

The motion <u>passed</u> 5 - 0.

#### New Modification Requests:

 Malia Burns – Charter School Director, Summit Public Schools <u>WAC 390-28-100(1)(b)</u> Malia Burns <u>Memo</u>

Malia Burns participated via Microsoft teams.

The Commission deferred the matter to the March 2024 regular commission meeting.

**MOTION 24-09** Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner Jarrett that the Commission defer the matter to the March 28, 2024, regular commission meeting to allow the applicant to supply further information to the Commission.

The motion passed 5 - 0.

Obey-Sumner Campaign & Mindy Deranek – <u>RCW 42.17.120</u> & <u>RCW 42.17A.235</u>
Obey-Sumner Campaign & Mindy Deranek <u>Memo</u>

Mindy Deranek <u>participated</u> via Microsoft teams.

**MOTION 24-010** Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner Jarrett that the Commission grant the partial reporting modification, on the basis that literal application of the law would cause a manifestly unreasonable hardship on the applicant and that the limited modification would not frustrate the purposes of the Act.

The motion <u>passed</u> 5 - 0.

#### **Renewal Modification Requests:**

- <u>WA State Democratic Party</u> Bonafide State Party Committee <u>RCW 42.17A.120</u> & <u>WAC 390-28-100</u> WA State Democratic Party <u>Memo</u>
- **MOTION 24-011** Moved by Commissioner Jarrett and seconded by Commissioner Leach that the Commission grant the partial reporting modification, on the basis that

> literal application of the law would cause a manifestly unreasonable hardship on the applicant and that the limited modification would not frustrate the purposes of the Act.

The motion <u>passed</u> 5 - 0.

- <u>WA State Republican Party</u> Bonafide State Party Committee <u>RCW 42.17A.120</u> & <u>WAC 390-28-100</u> WA State Republican Party <u>Memo</u>
- **MOTION 24-012** Moved by Commissioner Jarrett and seconded by Commissioner Leach that the Commission grant the partial reporting modification, on the basis that literal application of the law would cause a manifestly unreasonable hardship on the applicant and that the limited modification would not frustrate the purposes of the Act.

The motion <u>passed</u> 5 - 0.

#### New Modification Requests:

- Maren Costa Campaign & Deborah Faas <u>RCW 42.17.120</u> & <u>RCW 42.17A.235</u> Maren Costa Campaign & Deborah Faas <u>Memo</u>
- **MOTION 24-013** Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner Jarrett that the Commission grant the partial reporting modification, on the basis that literal application of the law would cause a manifestly unreasonable hardship on the applicant and that the limited modification would not frustrate the purposes of the Act.

The motion <u>passed</u> 5 - 0.

- <u>Susanna Johnson</u> Sheriff, Snohomish County <u>WAC 390-28-100(1)(d)</u> Susanna Johnson <u>Memo</u>
- **MOTION 24-014** Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner Jarrett that the Commission grant the partial reporting modification, on the basis that literal application of the law would cause a manifestly unreasonable hardship on the applicant and that the limited modification would not frustrate the purposes of the Act.

The motion <u>passed</u> 5 - 0.

#### Enforcement Update | PDC Meeting Video

Kurt Young, Compliance Officer, presented the enforcement update as of February 15, 2024.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 11:51 p.m. to discuss matters allowed in Executive Session pursuant to <u>RCW 42.30.110</u>, including but not limited to discussion of enforcement matters and pending and potential litigation with legal counsel, and review of performance of public employees. Possible action regarding litigation, or other matters properly discussed during executive session, will be taken following the executive session.

Returned to public meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Isserlis adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Approved March 28, 2024