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MINUTES – Regular Meeting 9:30 a.m. | September 26, 2024 711 Capitol Way S. #206 Olympia, Washington

### **Commission Members**

Allen Hayward, Chair; J. Leach, Vice Chair; Nancy Isserlis, Member; Douglass North, Member; James Oswald, Member.

### Staff Present

Peter Frey Lavallee, Executive Director; Kim Bradford, Deputy Director; Sean Flynn, General Counsel; James Gutholm, Chief Information Officer; Jana Greer, Administrative Officer; Nate Meyer, Customer Service and Outreach Manager; BG Sandahl, Compliance Officer; Alice Fiman, Compliance Officer; Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Officer; Jordan Campbell, Compliance Coordinator; Colin Peeples, Compliance Coordinator; John Meader, Assistant Attorney General representing the Commission; Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff.

# Staff Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)

Susie Giles-Klein, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff; Simone Prince-Eichner, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff.

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

The September 26, 2024, Public Disclosure Commission meeting was streamed live via TVW at <u>WAPDC.09.26.24</u>. Public attended in-person and remotely via a MS Teams Link.

# Chair Opening Comments | PDC Meeting Video

Chair Hayward welcomed all attendees and viewers to the September 26, 2024, Regular Commission meeting.

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

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

- August 22, 2024, Regular Meeting
- MOTION 24-055Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that<br/>the Commission approve the meeting minutes for the August 22, 2024, regular<br/>meeting, with an amendment to a typographical error in motion 24-049.

The motion passed 5 - 0.

# 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:

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- <u>Conner Edwards</u>, campaign treasurer, commented on agency enforcement and APA petition.
- <u>William Campbell</u>, commented on agency enforcement.

Written Comment(s) Submitted:

- <u>Harrison</u>
- Edwards

### Petition for Declaratory Order PDC Meeting Video

General Counsel Sean Flynn presented a declaratory order petition requesting the PDC issue an expedited Declaratory Order, as allowed under WAC 390-12-255, suspending the contribution limits under RCW 42.17A.405(3), 42.17A.125, and WAC 390.05.400 for contributions made to CWAC pertaining to the AI French recall campaign.

The petition was <u>withdrawn</u> earlier in the week by the Petitioner.

- APA Petition
- Staff Memo

General Counsel Flynn informed the Commission that because the petition was filed, they could either decide to approve or deny the petition.

**MOTION 24-056** Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner North that the Commission dismiss the petition without prejudice on the basis the petitioner's request to withdraw the petition.

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

### Petition for Rulemaking – Public Comment Period during Commission Meetings (Edwards) PDC Meeting Video

General Counsel Sean Flynn presented the APA petition for rulemaking regarding public comment period during Commission meetings to the Commission for consideration and possible decision.

The petition was <u>withdrawn</u> prior to the meeting by the Petitioner, and the withdrawal was reiterated during public comment.

- <u>Coversheet</u> & <u>APA Petition</u>
- <u>Staff Memo</u>

General Counsel Flynn informed the Commission that because the petition was filed, they could either decide to approve or deny the petition.

**MOTION 24-057** Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner North that the Commission dismiss the petition without prejudice on the basis the petitioner's request to withdraw the petition.

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

#### Enforcement Update | PDC Meeting Video

Alice Fiman and Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Officers, presented the enforcement update as of September 19, 2024.

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- Enforcement Report Categorization and Status of Open Complaints
- <u>C4 Compliance Project Update</u>

#### Budget Update | PDC Meeting Video

Executive Director Frey Lavallee provided the budget update to the Commission.

#### Management Team Updates | PDC Meeting Video

- Executive Director and Budget Update
- Deputy Director Update
- Information Technology Update

#### **Break/Executive Session**

<u>10:51 a.m.</u> Discussion of matters allowed in executive session pursuant to <u>RCW 42.30.110</u>, regarding enforcement matters, review of performance of public employees, and discussion with legal counsel of litigation or potential litigation when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence. Final action regarding these matters, or other matters properly discussed during executive session, will be taken following the executive session.

Returned to public meeting at <u>11:49 a.m.</u>

#### Enforcement | PDC Meeting Video

11:50 a.m. | The Commission conducted a hearing for multiple PDC cases with alleged violations of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u>. Compliance Coordinators Jordan Campbell, and Colin Peeples presented the cases to the Commission for consideration and possible action.

- PDC Case <u>158920</u> <u>Jean Dillenburg</u>: Alleged violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u> for failure to file the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2023 (GE24)
- **MOTION 24-058** Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission find a violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u> and assess a civil penalty of \$2,000 with \$1,000 suspended contingent on no further violations for the remainder of the term of office, penalty paid, and missing report filed within 30 days of the Final Order.

The motion passed 5-0.

- PDC Case <u>158920</u> <u>Sativah Adriana Jones</u>: Alleged violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u> for failure to file the Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar year 2023 (GE24)
- **MOTION 24-059** Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission find a violation of <u>RCW 42.17A.700</u> and assess a civil penalty of \$2,000 with \$1,000 suspended contingent on no further violations for the remainder of the term of office, penalty paid, and missing report filed within 30 days of the Final Order.

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

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### Request for Reconsideration | PDC Meeting Video

11:59 a.m. | The Commission conducted a hearing concerning a request for reconsideration. Compliance Coordinator Jordan Campbell presented the request to the Commission for consideration and possible approval.

PDC Case <u>155454</u> – <u>Ace Harry Haynes</u>: At the July 11, 2024, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP Hearing), the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.205 for failure to file the C-1 report that was due within two weeks of becoming a candidate or no later than May 24, 2024. Mr. Haynes was assessed a penalty of \$250, which he now asks the Commission to reconsider.

Ace Harry Haynes <u>participated</u> via Microsoft Teams.

**MOTION 24-060** Moved by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission reconsider PDC Case 155454, Ace Harry Haynes.

The motion <u>failed</u> for lack of a second.

**MOTION 24-061** Moved by Commissioner Leach that the Commission deny the request to reconsider PDC Case 155454, Ace Harry Haynes, because no new facts or legal authority have been presented to warrant reconsideration.

The motion <u>failed</u> for lack of a second.

Adjourned at <u>12:11 p.m.</u>

Approved October 24, 2024.