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**PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**  
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**MINUTES – Regular Meeting**

9:30 a.m. | April 24, 2025

711 Capitol Way S. #206

Olympia, Washington

**Commission Members (Participated via Microsoft Teams)**

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

**Staff Present**

Jana Greer, Administrative Officer; Phil Stutzman, Compliance Officer; Simone Prince-Eichner, Assistant Attorney General representing PDC Staff.

**Staff Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)**

Peter Frey Lavalley, Executive Director; Kim Bradford, Deputy Director; James Gutholm, Chief Information Officer; Sean Flynn, General Counsel; Nate Meyer, Customer Service and Outreach Manager; Christina Shearer, DES Senior Financial Consultant; BG Sandahl, Compliance Officer; Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer; Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Officer; Erick Agina, Compliance Officer; John Meader, Assistant Attorney General representing the Commission; Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff.

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

The April 24, 2025, Public Disclosure Commission meeting streamed live via TVW at [WAPDC.4.24.25](http://WAPDC.4.24.25). Public attended in person or remote via a MS Teams Link.

**Chair Opening Comments | [PDC Meeting Video](#)**

Chair Leach welcomed all attendees and viewers to the April 24, 2025, 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:

- March 27, 2025, Regular Meeting.

**MOTION 25-016**      Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission approve the meeting minutes as submitted for March 27, 2025, regular meeting.

The motion [passed](#) 4 – 0.

**Reporting Modification Request(s) | [PDC Meeting Video](#)**

9:32 a.m. | The Commission conducted a hearing concerning requests for reporting modifications. Compliance Officers Tabitha Townsend and Jennifer Hansen presented the requests to the Commission for consideration and possible approval.

**NEW**

- [Michael Baumgartner](#) – Former County Treasurer, Spokane County [WAC 390-28-100\(1\)\(d\)](#)
  - [Modification Request Cover Sheet](#)

Eleanor Baumgartner [participated](#) via Microsoft Teams.

**MOTION 25-017** Moved by Commissioner Isserlis and seconded by Commissioner North 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 [passed](#) 4 – 0.

- [Pooneh Gray](#) – Candidate for City Council, City of Vancouver [WAC 390-28-100\(1\)\(d\)](#) & [WAC 390-28-100\(1\)\(e\)](#)
  - [Modification Request Cover Sheet](#)

[Dan Brady](#) representing Pooneh Gray, and [Pooneh Gray](#) participated via Microsoft Teams.

**MOTION 25-018** Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission grant the partial reporting modification as requested, provided the applicant submit a sworn statement that their sources of income do not conduct business with the state of Washington, its sub-divisions or the city of Vancouver, 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 [passed](#) 4 – 0.

- [Sara Pipkin](#) – School Board Director, Cashmere SD222 - [WAC 390-28-100\(1\)\(b\)](#)
  - [Modification Request Cover Sheet](#)

Sara Pipkin [participated](#) via Microsoft Teams.

**MOTION 25-019** Moved by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission deny the partial reporting modification as requested, on the basis that the requestor has not met the burden of proof of establishing a manifest hardship and/or that granting the modification would frustrate the purposes of the Act.

The Motion [failed](#) for lack of a second.

Chair Leach [moved](#) the matter to the May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Commission meeting to allow for more information to be provided regarding the request.

- [Request from Multiple Contributors and WA Dental Service PAC \(2016\)](#) – [RCW 42.17A.120](#) & [RCW 42.17A.250](#)
  - [Modification Request Cover Sheet](#)

Sean Pickard [participated](#) via Microsoft Teams.

**MOTION 25-020** Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission deny the partial reporting modification as requested, on the

basis that the requestor has not met the burden of proof of establishing a manifest hardship and/or that granting the modification would frustrate the purposes of the Act.

The motion [passed](#) 4 – 0.

**Enforcement** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

10:20 a.m. | The Commission conducted an enforcement hearing for [PDC Case 158257](#), AARP No on 2124 Sponsored by AARP Washington State.

Simon Prince-Eichner, Assistant Attorney General representing the Staff, and Phil Stutzman, Compliance Officer, [presented](#) PDC Case 158257, AARP No on 2124 Sponsored by AARP Washington State for alleged violations of [RCW 42.17A.235](#) and [.240](#) for failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures (EY24 AUG24).

Representatives of AARP Washington State participated via Microsoft Teams:

- Jonathan [Hawley](#), counsel representing AARP.
- Rebecca [Gorden and Annie Fuoto](#), counsel representing AARP.
- Cathleen [MacCaul](#), AARP Advocacy Director.

**MOTION 25-021** Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission find a violation of [RCW 42.17A.235](#) & [.240](#) and assess a civil penalty of \$5,000 with \$2,500 suspended contingent on no further violations for four years, and the penalty paid within 30 days of the Final Order.

The motion [passed](#) 4 - 0.

**Public Comment** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

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

The following person(s) provided public comment via MS Teams:

- [Conner Edwards](#), campaign treasurer, commented on campaign expenditure reporting dates.
- [Dan Brady](#), attorney, commented on agency enforcement.
- [Joe Kunzler](#) commented on agency enforcement.

Written comment(s) submitted:

- [Lazar](#)
- [Edwards](#)
- [Brady \(1\)](#)
- [Brady \(2\)](#)

**Campaign Expenditure Reporting Dates** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Deputy Director Kim Bradford provided an update on the campaign expenditure reporting schedule.

- Campaign Reporting Schedule Proposal - [Memo](#)
- Update on campaign expenditure reporting schedule – [Presentation](#)

Jessie Post, PDC legal extern, provided a [presentation](#) on campaign expenditure reporting schedules from other states.

**Discussion of duration of modifications granted to bona fide state parties** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Chair Leach introduced the discussion on the duration of modifications granted to bona fide state parties.

Executive Director Lavalley [recommended](#) that the Commission postpone taking any action until next year when modification requests concerning bona fide state parties resurface for reconsideration.

**Rulemaking** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

General Counsel Flynn updated the Commission on rulemaking for the draft rules for penalty schedule WAC 390-37.

- [Memo](#)
- [DRAFT Penalty Schedule WAC 390-37](#)

**APA Rulemaking Petition** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

General Counsel Flynn presented the APA rulemaking petition to amend [WAC 390-17-030](#) to allow parties to include ballot measure positions in “slate cards” paid with exempt funds.

- [Memo](#)
- [Ltr – Petition](#)
- [Petition](#)

Scott Forbes, representing Washington State Democratic Party, [participated](#) via Microsoft Teams.

**MOTION 25-022**      Moved by Commissioner Oswald and seconded by Commissioner Isserlis that the Commission accept the petition and approve the initiation of the rulemaking process to amend [WAC 390-17-030](#).

The motion [passed](#) 4 - 0.

**Budget Update** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

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

**Management Team Updates** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

- [Executive Director Update](#).
- [Deputy Director Update](#).
- [Information Technology Update](#).
- [Customer Service and Filer Assistance Update](#).

**Legislative Update** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

General Counsel Flynn updated the Commission on the final days of this legislative session.

**Enforcement Update** | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Erick Agina, Compliance Officer, presented the enforcement update for April 2025.

- Enforcement Report – Categorization and Status of Open Complaints.

**Break/Executive Session**

[12:37 p.m.](#) Discussion of matters allowed in executive session pursuant to [RCW 42.30.110](#), 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 the executive session, will be taken following the executive session.

Executive session ended [1:04 p.m.](#)

Adjourned at [1:05 p.m.](#)

Approved May 22, 2025.