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To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator

Date: April 14, 2021

Re: School Director Justyn Turner, PDC Case 80283

#### **Agenda Item**

PDC staff is alleging that Justyn Turner, was a School Director for Mary Walker School District 207, violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) due no later than April 15, 2020, disclosing financial information for calendar year 2019.

#### **Background**

- Justyn Turner was an incumbent School Director, since being elected to office in 2009. His term expired on December 16, 2019.
- As an elected or appointed School Director, Justyn Turner was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) in accordance with RCW 42.17A.700 not later than April 15, 2020 disclosing financial activities for calendar year 2019. The F-1 report for calendar year 2019 was electronically submitted on March 18, 2021.
- Between February and April of 2020, PDC staff sent seven (7) email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2019.
- PDC Staff emailed reminders that the deadline of April 15, 2020 had been missed on April 22, 2020, April 29, 2020 and May 5, 2020.
- From July 27 through October 7, 2020, PDC staff also made telephone calls to elected and appointed officials, and to representatives in the jurisdictions in which they serve, reminding them of their missed obligation to file the F-1 report covering calendar year 2019 that was due April 15, 2020.
- On September 22, 2020, PDC staff sent a warning letter to Justyn Turner concerning the missing F-1 report to the address provided to the PDC on the last F-1 report filed.

- On March 11, 2021, PDC Staff served Justyn Turner, by email and U.S. Postal mail, with the hearing notice for the March 25, 2021 hearing date.
- On April 9, 2021, PDC Staff served Justyn Turner with the notice of hearing continuance for the April 22, 2021 hearing date.
- There is currently an outstanding balance owing of \$200 from one prior case for violations of RCW 42.17A.700 which is outside the statute of limitations for calculation of prior violations. A \$300 penalty was assessed on PDC Case 12-239; of which \$100 has been paid leaving the \$200 balance owing.
- PDC Case 22188 had a penalty of \$250 assessed in 2017 and was paid in 2018 & 2019.

#### **Prior PDC Enforcement History (Within Statute of Limitations)**

- PDC Case 22188: At the 2017 Brief Enforcement Hearing, Justyn Turner was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2016, which was due not later than April 17, 2017. There was a penalty of \$250 assessed for the missing F-1 report, in accordance with F-1 penalty schedule adopted by the Commission which was in effect at the time.

#### **Staff Recommendation/Comments**

Staff recommends the Commission find that Justyn Turner violated 42.17A.700 by failing to file an F-1 reports for calendar year 2019, and:

1. Assess Justyn Turner a civil penalty, which is payable within 30 days of the date of the Order.