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MINUTES – Regular Meeting

12:00 p.m. | April 24, 2024

Hilton (Vancouver)

301 W 6th Street

Vancouver, Washington, 98660

Commission Members

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

Staff Present

Peter Frey Lavalley, Executive Director; Kim Bradford, Deputy Director; Sean Flynn, General Counsel; Jana Greer, Administrative Officer; James Gutholm, Chief Information Officer; BG Sandahl, Compliance Officer; Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer; Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General representing the PDC staff.

Staff Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)

Kendra Hodgson, Customer Service and Outreach Director; Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Coordinator; Christina Shearer, DES Senior Financial Consultant; John Meader, Assistant Attorney General representing the Commission; Simone Prince-Eichner, Assistant Attorney General representing the PDC staff.

The regular meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) was called to order by Chair Isserlis at 12:00 p.m.

The April 24, 2024, Public Disclosure Commission meeting was streamed live via TVW at WAPDC.04.23.24. Public attended in-person and remotely via a MS Teams Link.

Break/Executive Session

The Commission went into Executive Session at 12:02 p.m. to discuss matters allowed in Executive Session pursuant to [RCW 42.30.110](http://RCW.42.30.110), 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 Opening Comments | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Chair Isserlis welcomed all attendees and viewers to the April 24, 2024, Regular Commission meeting being held at the Hilton in Vancouver, WA.

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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- [Jim Lazar](#), campaign treasurer, commented on PDC guidance.
- [Joe Kunzler](#), commented on the PDC strategic plan and agency enforcement.
- [Conner Edwards](#), campaign treasurer, commented on agency enforcement.
- [Glen Morgan](#), commented on agency enforcement.
- [Robert Parker](#), commented on agency enforcement.

Written Comment(s) Submitted

- [Edwards](#)
- [Campbell](#)

Consideration and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

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

- March 14, 2024, Special Meeting
- March 28, 2024, Regular Meeting

MOTION 24-020 Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner North that the Commission approve the meeting minutes as submitted for the March 14, 2024, special meeting.

The motion [passed](#) 5 – 0.

MOTION 24-021 Moved by Commissioner Leach and seconded by Commissioner North that the Commission approve the meeting minutes as submitted for the March 28, 2024, regular meeting.

The motion [passed](#) 5 – 0.

Budget Update | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

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

Enforcement Update | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer, presented the enforcement update as of April 18, 2024.

Reporting Modification Requests | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

1:34 p.m. | The Commission conducted a remote hearing concerning requests for reporting modification. Compliance Coordinator Tabitha Townsend presented the requests to the Commission for consideration and possible approval.

Renewal Modification Requests:

- [Kathryn \(Katie\) Loring](#) – Superior Court Judge, San Juan Co Superior Court [WAC 390-28-100\(1\)\(e\)\(ii\)](#)
Kathryn (Katie) Loring [Memo](#)
Kathryn (Katie) Loring [participated](#) via Microsoft teams.

MOTION 24-022 Moved by Commissioner Hayward 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](#) 5 – 0.

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

Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer, continued the enforcement update as of April 18, 2024.

Rulemaking | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

General Counsel Flynn updated the Commission on rulemaking.

- [Memo](#)
- [Discussion](#) of proposed rules re synthetic media (“deepfakes”) in electioneering communications, Chapter 42.62 RCW (public hearing scheduled for May 23, 2024).
 - [WAC 390-16](#)
 - [WAC 390-18](#)
- [Discussion](#) of [draft emergency rule](#) re sponsor identification of yard signs and implementation of HB 2032 (2024).

Break Period

Break [Start](#): 2:27 p.m.

[Returned](#) to the Public Meeting: 2:35 p.m.

Clark County Auditor Greg Kimsey | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Clark County Auditor Greg Kimsey gave a presentation to the Commission on election administration issues.

Representatives of Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Oregon Secretary of State, Elections Program Manager Alma Whalen provided a presentation to the Commission on recent developments in campaign finance regulation.

Discussion of Deepfake Media in Political Advertising | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

The following presentations were given on deepfake media in political advertising.

- [Jevin West](#), Founding Director of the UW Center for an Informed Public
- [Oren Etzioni](#), Founder of TrueMedia.org
- [Lucas Hansen and Siddarth Hiregowdara](#) from CivAI.org

Strategic Planning | [PDC Meeting Video](#)

Deputy Director Bradford provided an update on the [Commission outreach project](#).

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

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

Adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Approved May 23, 2024.