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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Coordinator

Date: February 25, 2021

Subject: Daniel P. Williams Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 80189

Allegations:

Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) staff alleges that Daniel P. Williams, a former Parks & Recreation Commissioner for East County Park & Rec Dist., violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) for calendar years 2018 & 2019 that were due no later than April 15, 2019 and April 15, 2020, respectively.

Background:

- Daniel P. Williams (the “Respondent”) is served as Parks & Recreation Commissioner for East County Park and Rec Dist. for the term January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.
- Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700, an elected or appointed official who held office in 2019 was required to file an F-1 report, disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2018, no later than April 15, 2019.
- In March and April of 2019, PDC staff sent the Respondent eight (8) email reminders regarding his missing F-1 report for calendar year 2018.
- To date, the Respondent has not filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2018 that was due April 15, 2019.
- Per RCW 42.17A.700, the Respondent was required to file an F-1 report, disclosing personal financial information for calendar year 2019. no later than April 15, 2020.
- Between February and May of 2020, PDC staff sent nine (9) email reminders to all elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2019.

- On July 17, 2020, PDC staff mailed warning letters to elected and appointed officials regarding their missing F-1 reports for calendar year 2019.
- 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 February 12, 2021, PDC staff served the Respondent, by e-mail, with a hearing notice for a February 25, 2021 Adjudicative Proceeding (Enforcement Hearing) before the full Public Disclosure Commission, concerning the failure to file the F-1 report.
- To date, the Respondent has not filed the F-1 report for calendar year 2019.
- The last F-1 report received from the Respondent (covering 2015) was filed on April 12, 2016.

Prior Violations of RCW 42.17A.700:

The Respondent has two prior violations of RCW 42.17A.700 within five years:

First Violation (PDC Case 22192)

- The Respondent failed to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2016, which was due no later than April 17, 2017.
- On August 23, 2017, a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) was held, in which the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty for failing to file an F-1 report, which was due no later than April 17, 2017.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the outstanding \$250 civil penalty for PDC Case 22192.
- In addition, the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2016 has not been filed by the Respondent.

Second Violation (PDC Case 38886)

- The Respondent failed to file an F-1 report for calendar year 2017, which was due no later than April 16, 2018.
- On September 24, 2018, a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) was held, in which the Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 and assessed a \$250 penalty for failing to file an F-1 report that was due no later than April 16, 2018.
- To date, the Respondent has not paid the outstanding \$250 civil penalty for PDC Case 38886.

- In addition, the missing F-1 report for calendar year 2017 has not been filed by the Respondent.

There are scrivener errors on the Order for PDC Case 38886, which misstated the Respondent's office & jurisdiction. The Order also erroneously stated that the Respondent had no prior violations.

Staff Recommendations/Additional Information:

- Staff recommends the Commission find that the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file an F-1 report for calendar years 2018 & 2019.
- Assess the Respondent a civil penalty, made payable within 30 days of the date of the Order.
- Order the Respondent to file F-1 reports covering calendar years 2018 & 2019 within 30 days of the date of the Order.
- Order the Respondent to file F-1 reports covering calendar years 2016 & 2017 within 30 days of the date of the Order.

Currently, the Respondent owes a total of \$500 in previously assessed civil penalties for PDC Cases 22192 and 38886.