



STATE OF WASHINGTON
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

John Stockburger
1600 Knox Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

John Stockburger

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 12-237

Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law, and
Order Imposing Fine

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held July 2, 2012, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) covering calendar year 2011, which was due to be filed by April 16, 2012.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair Jennifer Joly was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. The Respondent was not present, but the Presiding Officer considered a letter submitted by the Respondent in response to the staff's June 7, 2012 hearing notice.

Brief enforcement hearing notices were sent to John Stockburger on June 7, and June 11, 2012. Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a School Director for the Bellingham School District. He was elected to that position in 2009.
2. As an incumbent School Director, the Respondent was required to file an annual F-1 report by April 16, 2012, disclosing his financial activities for calendar year 2011.
3. In a June 8, 2012 email, the Respondent apologized for not filing the F-1 timely. He stated that he did not receive the May 15, 2012 warning letter, and said he was unsure whether to file an F-1 or F-1A report. He stated he wished to appeal the \$100 penalty amount.
4. The Respondent did not file the required F-1 report by April 16, 2012.

5. The Respondent did not file the missing F-1 report as of the date of the hearing.
6. The Respondent was found in violation of RCW 42.17.240 and assessed a civil penalty of \$100 with \$50 suspended for failing to timely file an F-1 as an official for calendar year 2009 in PDC Case No. 10-132.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concluded as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file the F-1 report by April 16, 2012.

ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$300¹ in accordance with WAC 390-37-160, of which \$150 is suspended on the following conditions:

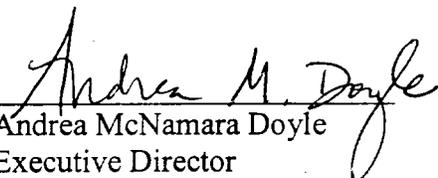
- (1) Respondent is not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A within four years of the date of the order;
- (2) The missing F-1 report is filed within 30 days of the date of the order; and
- (3) The \$150 non-suspended portion of the penalty is paid within 30 days of the date of the order.

If Respondent fails to comply with any of these conditions, the suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further action by the Commission.

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 17th day of July, 2012.

Public Disclosure Commission


Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

¹ The assessed penalty is based on the F-1 penalty schedule previously adopted by the Commission that takes into consideration prior violations and whether the F-1 report was filed before the date of the hearing.