



State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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November 3, 2017

Chris Coleman
PO Box 314
Mossyrock WA 98564

Subject: PDC Order, Case 22823

Dear Chris Coleman,

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order that was entered in the above-referenced case. At the October 26, 2017, Regular Commission Hearing, the commission conducted a review of the initial order and passed a motion to waive the \$250 penalty on condition that you decline the position of School Director for Mossyrock District 206.

Verification must be received from the Mossyrock School District by December 31, 2017, confirming that you are not serving as a School Director. If you accept the position, then the \$250 penalty will be immediately payable as a check or money order to the WA State Treasurer, and the payment must be mailed to the following:

WA State Treasurer - Public Disclosure Commission
Financial Office
PO Box 41465
Olympia, WA 98504-1465

Please do not send the payment to the PDC offices. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you accept the School Director position, please file the missing F-1 report disclosing financial activities for the previous twelve months of the 2017 election cycle and pay the fine. If you have questions, please contact me by email at micaiah.ragins@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Micaiah Titus Ragins
Compliance Coordinator

Enclosures:

Order on Respondent's Request For Review

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

IN RE THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT
ACTION AGAINST

Christopher Coleman

Respondent.

PDC CASE NO. 22823

ORDER ON RESPONDENT'S
REQUEST FOR REVIEW

This matter came before the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission on October 26, 2017, at the PDC office, Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington. Respondent Christopher Coleman requested review of the Commission Order issued on September 5, 2017 following a Brief Enforcement Hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) in this matter. The matter was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC.

Commissioners present included Anne Levinson, Commission Chair (presiding); Jack Johnson, Commission Vice-Chair; and Commissioners John Bridges, Katrina Asay, and David Ammons. Micaiah Ragins, PDC Compliance Coordinator, presented the matter on behalf of PDC Staff. Also present were Assistant Attorney General Scott Douglas representing the Commission; PDC Executive Director Peter Lavallee; Assistant Attorney General Chad Standifer on behalf of PDC Staff; and PDC staff member Jana Greer as recorder of the proceedings. Respondent Christopher Coleman did not participate in the proceeding. The proceeding was open to the public and recorded.

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I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The matter involved Mr. Coleman's request that the Commission review the penalty assessed in the September 5, 2017 Order based on the finding that he violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of declaring candidacy or no later than June 2, 2017, disclosing financial activities for the preceding twelve months.

- Christopher Coleman (Coleman) is a first-time candidate for School Director for Mossyrock School District 206.
- As a candidate for election, Coleman was required to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) disclosing financial activities for the preceding twelve months within two weeks of declaring his candidacy, or not later than June 2, 2017.
- On August 23, 2017, a Brief Enforcement Hearing was held in which the Presiding Officer found Coleman in violation of RCW 42.17A.700 for failing to file an F-1 report for the preceding twelve months. Coleman was assessed a \$250 in accordance with WAC 390-37-143, the penalty schedule adopted by the Commission, which was payable within 30 days of the date of the Order.
- The initial Order was entered September 5, 2017.
- On October 3, 2017, PDC Staff received a written request from Coleman for review of the Initial Order and waiver of any penalties assessed, on the basis of having withdrawn as a candidate in the election. Coleman stated he was not previously aware that he had to file a statement of campaign termination with the PDC.
- PDC staff verified that Coleman is still on the ballot unopposed since he missed the deadline to formally withdraw with the elections office. Coleman provided the PDC with a statement of campaign termination and reassured staff that he does not seek to run for public office.

- 1 • The statement of termination was emailed to PDC staff on October 3, 2017, on the same
2 date as the written appeal. Coleman has informed PDC staff that he would decline the
3 School Director position even if he were elected.

4 **II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5 Respondent's request for review is granted. The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of
6 Law entered on September 5, 2017 are hereby incorporated. Additionally, the Commission finds:

7 1. Respondent Christopher Coleman submitted a written statement to the PDC on
8 September 30, 2017 stating that he has terminated his campaign for Mossyrock School Director,
9 and that if elected, he will not accept the office.

10 **III. ORDER**

11 The \$250 civil penalty assessed against Respondent Christopher Coleman is hereby
12 waived on condition that Mr. Coleman decline the position of School Director for Mossyrock
13 District 206, and that verification be received from the Mossyrock School District by December
14 31, 2017 confirming that Mr. Coleman is not serving as a School Director. The Executive
15 Director is authorized to enter this order on behalf of the Commission.

16 SO ORDERED this 3rd day of November, 2017.

18 *This order sent by mail to:*
19 Christopher Coleman
20 PO Box 314
21 Mossyrock, WA 98564

WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC
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FOR THE COMMISSION:


Peter Lavalley
Executive Director

21 I, Micaiah Ragins, certify that I emailed a
22 copy of this order to the Respondent at his respective
23 email address.

Micaiah Ragins November 3rd, 2017
Signed Date

24 **FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS - SUPERIOR COURT**

25 A final order issued by the Public Disclosure Commission is subject to judicial review under
26 the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), chapter 34.05 RCW. RCW 42.17A.755. The
procedures are provided in the APA at RCW 34.05.510 - .574.