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MINUTES – Regular Meeting
9:30 a.m. | May 28, 2026
711 Capitol Way S. #206
Olympia, Washington

Commission Members Present
J. Leach, Chair; Douglass North, Vice Chair; Teebah Alsaleh, Member; and Matthew Segal, Member.

Commission Member Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)
James Oswald, Member

Staff Present
Jana Greer, Administrative Officer.

Staff Present
Peter Frey Lavallee, Executive Director; Kim Bradford, Deputy Director; Sean Flynn, General Counsel; Nate Meyer, Customer Service and Outreach Manager; BG Sandahl, Compliance Officer; Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Officer; Natalie Johnson, Communications Specialist; and John Meader, Assistant Attorney General representing the Commission; Nathan Tippmann, Jolene Unsoeld Public Policy Intern.

Staff Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)
James Gutholm, Chief Information Officer.

Participants Present
Former state Sen. Karen Fraser
Krag Unsoeld
Regon Unsoeld
Doug Levy, former congressional communications director for Jolene Unsoeld
Rita Robison, League of Women Voters

Chair Opening Comments PDC Meeting Video
Chair Leach welcomed all attendees and viewers to the May 28, 2026, Regular Commission meeting.

Chair Leach introduced new Commissioners Teebah Alsaleh and Matthew Segal.

Consideration and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes PDC Meeting Video
Meeting minutes were presented to the Commission for consideration and possible approval:
- February 12, 2026, Regular Meeting
- April 23, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION 26-017 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission approve the meeting minutes for the March 26, and April 6, 2026, regular meeting as submitted.

The motion passed 3 – 0.

Chair Leach, Vice Chair North and Commissioner Oswald voted to approve the minutes.

Commissioners Alsaleh and Segal abstained.

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.
- Kunzler
- Edwards

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Delegation of Limited Settlement Authority to the Executive Director | PDC Meeting Video
The Commission discussed the possibility of delegating some authority to resolve minor litigation, such as contract disputes with vendors, to Executive Director Peter Frey Lavallee. Commission Chair J. Leach proposed the change at the Commission's April 23 meeting.

The Commission made no decision but directed John Meader, the assistant attorney general representing the Commission, to research how other agencies or jurisdictions handle this kind of policy.

Rulemaking |PDC Meeting Video
- Consideration and possible action by Commission on APA Petition for Rulemaking re: Pending Case Status (PDC Meeting Video)

  General Counsel Flynn presented, for commission consideration, a PDC staff memo in response to the APA Petition for re: Pending Case Status.

  The petitioner, Conner Edwards, participated via MS Teams and provided additional input to the Commission for consideration.

  The Commission directed staff to explore what, if any, additional information can be released to the public about an ongoing investigation into a complaint.

MOTION 26-018 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Oswald that the Commission deny the APA Petition for rulemaking as presented. The Petition would encompass information that should not be disclosed during the investigative process and would be exempt under the public records act regarding information about an ongoing investigation.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

Unsoeld Commission Room Dedication | PDC Meeting Video
The Commission held a ceremony and dedicated its meeting room to Jolene Unsoeld, the late state legislator and Congresswoman who was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the PDC.

Presentation
The Commission approved the dedication in December 2025. At the May meeting, it unveiled a plaque and portrait of Unsoeld that will be hung in the meeting room.

Meeting Break
The Commission called for a meeting break at 10:50 a.m.

The Commission returned to the regular meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Rulemaking (Continued) |PDC Meeting Video

- Consideration of Draft Proposed Rules Regarding Complaint Publication Process (PDC Meeting Video)

  General Counsel Flynn presented a draft of a proposed rule regarding Complaint Publication Process for the Commission's consideration.

  The PDC has initiated rulemaking regarding the complaint publication process, which allows the PDC to resolve complaints by sending the complaint and any response received to news media. The agency also publishes such cases to its website.

  The requested change would allow the agency to only publish cases to its website, without sending them to media. Staff noted that media already follow the PDC's website for information on enforcement cases, and that the agency doesn't email media with notifications on other case resolutions.

  Once approved, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to accept public comments on the proposal and to consider formal adoption.

MOTION 26-019 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Alsaleh that PDC staff move forward with a public hearing for Commission consideration and possible approval regarding Proposed Rules Regarding Complaint Publication Process.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

Campaign Expenditure (C-4) Reporting Group Enforcement Plan | PDC Meeting Video
In response to the Commission's April 23rd request, Deputy Director Bradford presented a report/overview of the process for a C-4 enforcement within a group enforcement.

Budget Update |PDC Meeting Video
Executive Director Peter Frey Lavallee provided the budget update to the Commission.

Management Team Updates | PDC Meeting Video

- Executive Director Update.
- Deputy Director Update.
- Chief Information Officer Update.
- Customer Service and Filer Assistance Update.

Enforcement Update | PDC Meeting Video
Tabatha Blacksmith, Compliance Officer, presented the enforcement update for May 2026.

- Enforcement Report – Categorization and Status of Open Cases.

Possible Executive Session | PDC Meeting Video
The Commission did not convene into executive session.

Chair Leach adjourned the regular meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Approved June 25, 2026.