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MINUTES – Regular Meeting
9:30 a.m. | June 25, 2026
711 Capitol Way S. #206
Olympia, Washington

Commission Members Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)
J. Leach, Chair; Douglass North, Vice Chair; Teebah Alsaleh, Member; and Matthew Segal, Member.

Staff Present
Jana Greer, Administrative Officer.

Staff Present (Participated via Microsoft Teams)
Peter Frey Lavallee, Executive Director; Kim Bradford, Deputy Director; James Gutholm, Chief Information Officer; Nate Meyer, Customer Service and Outreach Manager; BG Sandahl, Compliance Officer; Colin Peeples, Compliance Officer; Tanya Mercier, Compliance Officer; Ashley Joslyn, Compliance Coordinator; Carolyn Jones, Compliance Coordinator; Jordan Campbell; Compliance Coordinator; Natalie Johnson, Communications Specialist; and John Meader, Assistant Attorney General representing the Commission; Amanda Migchelbrink, Assistant Attorney General; Susie Giles-Klein, Assistant Attorney General, representing PDC Staff; Jennifer Elias, Assistant Attorney General; and Nathan Tippmann, Jolene Unsoeld Public Policy Intern.

Chair Opening Comments PDC Meeting Video
Chair Leach welcomed all attendees and viewers to the June 25, 2026, Regular Commission meeting.

Consideration and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes PDC Meeting Video
Minutes for the May 28, 2026, meeting were presented to the Commission for consideration and possible approval.

MOTION 26-020 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Alsaleh that the Commission approve the meeting minutes for the June 25, 2026, regular meeting as submitted.

The motion passed 4 – 0.

Enforcement |PDC Case 158420 Referral to Full Commission | PDC Meeting Video
PDC Case 158420 Erin Riggers (We Heart Seattle Exposed) was heard at the May 21, 2026, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP Hearing). The Presiding Officer (Commission Chair J. Leach) deferred ruling on the case and referred the case to the full Commission to allow for discussion as to how to proceed with the matter.

PDC staff alleges that Erin Riggers (the Respondent), violated RCW 42.17A.320 / 29B.30.050 and WAC 390-18-010 by failing to provide sponsor identification on political advertising.

The matter was presented at the June 25th, 2026, regular meeting by Susie Giles-Klein, AAG.

MOTION 26-021 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Segal that the Commission refer the matter of PDC Case 158420 Erin Riggers back to PDC Staff

for further investigation with the instruction the PDC Staff work with the Attorney General's Office to obtain a court order requiring compliance with interview subpoena.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

Continued discussion of PDC Case 158420 Erin Riggers (We Heart Seattle Exposed) | PDC Meeting Video.
The Commission and staff continued the discussion of PDC Case 158420 and the request to redact identifying information from a PDC staff hearing memo. The memo with the identifying information has been removed from the PDC website and a redacted version has been uploaded.

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

Management Team Updates
- Executive Director Update. PDC Meeting Video
- Deputy Director Update. PDC Meeting Video

Candidate and Annual F-1 Enforcement | PDC Meeting Video
- Compliance Coordinator Jordan Campbell presented, for Commission consideration and possible assessment of penalty, PDC Case 191661 John P. Gibbons: Alleged violations of RCW 29B.25.020 and .55.010 for failure to file a Campaign Finance Registration (C-1 report) & failure to file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 report) within two weeks of becoming a candidate.

MOTION 26-022 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Segal that the Commission find a violation of RCW 29B.25.020 and .55.010.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

MOTION 26-023 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Segal that the Commission assess a civil penalty of $2,000 with $1,000 suspended contingent on the non-suspended portion of the penalty paid, missing reports are filed, and payment of past due amounts plus applicable fees and interest of outstanding penalties within 30 days of the Final Order, with no further violations for four years.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

- Ashley Joslyn, Compliance Coordinator, presented for Commission consideration and possible assessment of penalty PDC Case 191597 Robert W. Scott: Alleged violation of RCW 29B.55.010 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs (F-1) Statement.

MOTION 26-024 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Segal that the Commission find a violation of RCW29B.55.010

The motion passed 4 - 0.

MOTION 26-025 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Segal that the Commission assess a civil penalty of $3,000 with $1,500 suspended contingent on the non-suspended portion of the penalty paid, missing reports are filed, and payment of past due amounts plus applicable fees and interest of outstanding penalties within 30 days of the Final Order, with no further violations for four years.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

- Carolyn Jones, Compliance Coordinator, presented for Commission consideration and possible assessment of penalty PDC Case 191596 Kyle A. Strengholt: Alleged violation of RCW 29B.55.010 for failure to timely file a Personal Financial Affairs (F-1) Statement.

MOTION 26-026 Moved by Commissioner Segal and seconded by Commissioner North that the Commission find a violation of RCW29B.55.010

The motion passed 4 - 0.

MOTION 26-027 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Segal that the Commission assess a civil penalty of $1,000 with $500 suspended contingent on the non-suspended portion of the penalty paid, missing reports are filed, and payment of past due amounts plus applicable fees and interest of outstanding penalties within 30 days of the Final Order, with no further violations for four years.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

Enforcement Reconsideration |PDC Meeting Video
Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer, presented the request for reconsideration of PDC Case 151075 to the Commission.

Respondents Keliana Cole and Tara Nathan participated via MS Teams.

- PDC Case 151075 Citizens for Ridgefield Schools: At the April 9, 2026, Brief Adjudicative Proceeding the Respondent was found to have violated RCW 42.17A.235 and .240 for failure to timely and accurately disclose expenditures on C-4 reports and was issued a $1,000 penalty with $500 suspended if, among other conditions, that the Respondent amend all inaccurate C-4 reports identified in the Order within 30 days of service. The Respondent now requests that the 30-day period to amend the C-4 reports be reviewed.

MOTION 26-028 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Segal that the Commission grant the reconsideration of PDC Case 151075.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

MOTION 26-029 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Segal that the Commission amend the previously issued order from the April 9, 2026, BAP preceding to provide an additional 90 days to comply. If a good faith response is

received, and all efforts exhausted and the report cannot be amended, then the PDF staff would review the circumstances before imposing any of the suspended fines assessed.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

Discussion regarding PDC Case 181096 Tam Thi-Dang Bui | PDC Meeting Video

- Chair Leach recused himself from the matter.
- Mark Lamb, Attorney for Respondent, participated via MS Teams.

Susie Giles-Klein, AAG and Peter Frey Lavallee, Executive Director, presented PDC Case 181096, alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.235, .240 and .420 for failure to timely and accurately disclose contributions and expenditures and for exceeding pre-election contribution limits.

PDC staff asked the Commission for guidance during the June 25 meeting regarding an enforcement case in which the relevant law's constitutionality is in question.

MOTION 26-030 Moved by Commissioner Alsaleh and seconded by Commissioner North that the Commission dismiss the case without prejudice.

The motion passed 3 - 0.
Commissioners Segal, North, and Alsaleh voted to approved.
Commissioner Leach abstained.

Public Comment | PDC Meeting Video

- Jason Michaud

(Continued) Discussion regarding PDC Case 181096 Tam Thi-Dang Bui

The Commission offered guidance and asked staff to prepare a fuller briefing on how case law affects the state's ability to apply time-bound limits on contributions to campaigns.

MOTION 26-031 Moved by Commissioner Segal and seconded by Commissioner Alsaleh that the Commission direct PDC staff, with assistance from the Attorney General's Office, to prepare a memorandum showing the options under the APA, an Interpretative Statement, or Declaratory Order as a way for the Commission to address the issue.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

City of Cle Elum Petition for Disclosure For Consideration and Approval. PDC Meeting Video

Kim Bradford, Deputy Director, presented the resolution for consideration and possible approval:

- City of Cle Elum - Resolution 2026-022, a resolution of the Cle Elum City Council petitioning the PDC to order disclosure in the city pursuant to RCW 29B.20.070 and WAC 390-05-305.

PDC Staff recommended the Commission find that the City of Cle Elum has met the requirements of RCW 29B.20.070(3) and grant the petition, ordering disclosure by individuals and entities within the jurisdiction as otherwise required by Title 29B RCW.

MOTION 26-032 Moved by Commissioner North and seconded by Commissioner Segal that the Commission grant the petition as submitted.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

Presentation of Research by Jolene Unsoeld Public Policy Intern Nathan Tippmann PDC Meeting Video

- *NRSC v. FEC* and Party Committee Contribution Limits in Washington State: Motivations and What It Means for the PDC

(Continued) Management Team Updates | PDC Meeting Video

- Chief Information Officer Update. PDC Meeting Video
- Customer Service and Filer Assistance Update. PDC Meeting Video

Enforcement Update | PDC Meeting Video

Colin Peeples, Compliance Officer, presented the enforcement update for June 2026.

- Enforcement Report – Categorization and Status of Open Cases.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair |PDC Meeting Video

Chair Leach asked the Commission members for nomination of 2026-2027 officers.

Commissioner North nominated Commissioner Leach for Chair. Commissioner North offered to serve as Vice Chair through the end of his term, which expires December 2026.

MOTION 26-033 Commissioner Segal motioned and Commissioner Alsaleh seconded to reappoint Commissioner Leach as Chair for 2026-2027 and Commissioner North as Vice Chair through the end of his term in December 2026.

At the end of Commissioner North's term, the Commission will elect a new vice chair for the remainder of 2026-2027 term.

The motion passed 4 - 0.

Executive Session | PDC Meeting Video

The Commission did not convene into executive session.

Chair Leach adjourned the regular meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Approved July 23, 2026.