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Memorandum

To: Public Disclosure Commission

From: Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Officer

Date: March 5, 2026

Subject: Clinton Taylor Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 164100

Allegations:

PDC staff alleges that Clinton Taylor (The Respondent), a candidate for City Council of the City of Auburn, violated RCW 29B.25.090 and RCW 29B.25.100 (formerly RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240) by failing to timely report contributions and expenditures on C-3 and C-4 reports during the 2023 election.

Case Background:

- The Respondent was most recently elected to the City Council for the term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 in City of Auburn
- On May 16, 2023, the Respondent filed a declaration of candidacy with the Washington State Secretary of State for election year 2023. On July 24, 2023, the candidate filed with the Public Disclosure Commission a Candidate Registration (C-1) for the Full Reporting option. The candidate sought the office of City Council Member and won the General Election.
- On December 20, 2024 the Respondent was notified of the complaint and case being opened, via the email on file.
- March 28, 2025 PDC staff sent a notification to the Respondent of the need for corrective action in relation to the PDC case 164100, to their official email and asked them to respond from their personal email.
- March 31, 2025 PDC staff receive a response from the Respondent, from his personal email address.
- PDC filer assistance staff start to assist the Respondent on April 17, 2025, to amend reports and report the loan, loan repayment and other issues identified during their review.

- PDC filer assistance staff was also assisting the Respondent in refunding and correcting an over limit in-kind contribution from Fast Signs in December 2023. The Respondent needed to refund the vendor \$815.74 to come back into compliance with contribution limits, which were \$1,200 per election the candidate appeared on the ballot, totaling \$2,400. The amount given in-kind for signs by Fast Signs was a total of \$3,215.74, over limits by \$815.74.
- The last communication received from the Respondent regarding this case was dated November 10, 2025, with the last report filed as of August 21, 2025 (report covering June 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, 110308554).
- On February 10, 2026, PDC staff mailed and emailed the Respondent a Hearing notice regarding alleged violations of failure to timely report contributions and expenditures. This hearing notice was sent to the respondent's email of record.
- As of March 5, 2026 the Respondent has not amended or filed missing reports of contributions and expenditures. (**Exhibit 1**).
- The Respondent has no prior violations of PDC laws and rules.

Aggravating and Mitigating Factors:

- The Respondent made several appointments with the filer assistance and enforcement staff and did not show or contact regarding missing appointments.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission find that The Respondent violated RCW 29B.25.090 and RCW 29B.25.100 (formerly RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240) by failing to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures, and:

1. Assess the Respondent a civil penalty for a first occasion of a violation where the report was not filed before the date of the hearing per WAC 390-37-143, to be made payable within 30 days of the date of the Order. The base penalty range for this fact pattern is \$200 to \$500 per report, and
2. Require Clinton Taylor to file and amend all necessary C-3 and C-4 reports within 30 days of the date of the Order.

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1: Report Filing Record as of March 5, 2026
- Exhibit 2: WAC 390-37-143 Penalty Schedule

Clinton Taylor

Candidate for CITY COUNCIL MEMBER for CITY OF AUBURN * in the 2023 election.

Overview

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Candidate Overview

Registered May 16, 2023

Candidate opted for **full reporting**

📍 PO BOX 52

AUBURN, WA 98071

✉️ clinton4citycouncil@gmail.com

Candidacy Status

- ↳ Candidate declared (5/16/2023)
- ↳ Candidate registered (5/16/2023)
- ↳ Qualified for general
- ↳ Won in general

Financial Overview

\$0.00 + **\$8,551.17** + **\$0.00** = **\$8,551.17**
Starting balance Contributions Loans Total raised

\$11,957.55 **\$0.00** **\$0.00**
Total spent Pledges Debt

\$0.00 **\$0.00**
Independent expenditures for Independent expenditures against

Candidate Reports and Forms

[Registration Form](#)

[Financial Affairs Report](#)

[Surplus Funds Account](#)

Made to candidate for 2023

Contributions

See who has contributed cash and in-kind (non-monetary) contributions to the campaign.

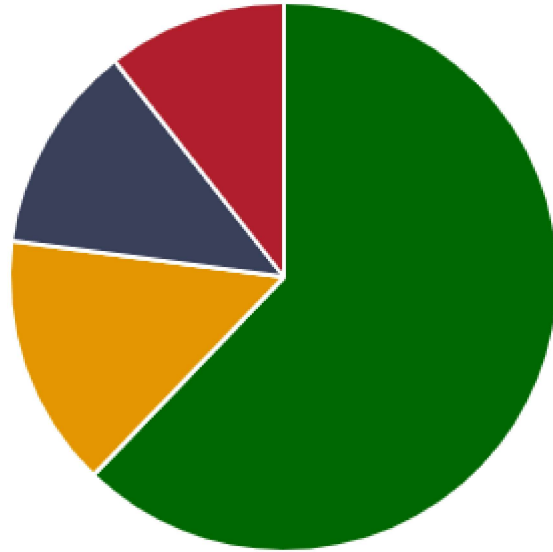
Contributions made to candidate for 2023

Business
\$5,318.67

Other
\$1,275.00

Individual
\$1,053.48

Self
\$904.02



Made by candidate for 2023

Expenditures

See how the campaign has spent money, and what kind of goods and services it received as in-kind contributions.

Expenditures made by candidate for 2023

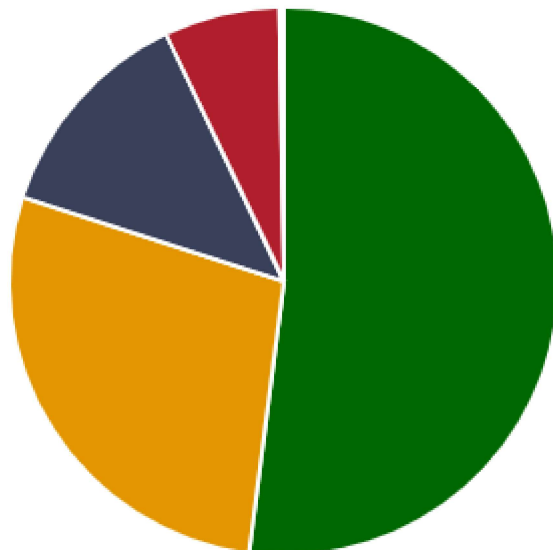
Inkind contribution
\$6,222.69

Postage costs, mail permits,...
\$3,339.99

Loan payments
\$1,549.00

Design/graphic art, etc.
\$815.74

Miscellaneous
\$30.13



Candidates Filed for this Position

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* declared candidates (eligible for election)

Candidate	Contributions	Expenditures
<u>Clinton Taylor</u> *	\$8,551.17	\$11,957.55
<u>Adib Altallal (Adeeb Altallal)</u> *	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>MULENGA ROBYN C (Robyn Mulenga)</u> *	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Spending for and against this candidate

Independent Expenditures

Independent expenditures are made by third parties that are not part of a candidate's campaign.

No independent expenditures reported.

Incurred by candidate

Debts

This information shows the debt for the campaign as of the submission date of the related report.

Outstanding debt for campaign is \$0.00

Campaign Finance Reports

See the reports filed by the candidate. Reports with a strikethrough were amended by another report.

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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
05/16/2023 - 05/31/2023	110301334	07/23/2025	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
05/16/2023 - 05/31/2023	110163396 Amended by: 110301334	08/01/2023	View Report	C4	2023
06/01/2023 - 07/10/2023	110303821	07/31/2025	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
06/01/2023 - 07/10/2023	110163398 Amended by: 110303821	08/01/2023	View Report	C4	2023
07/07/2023 - 07/07/2023	110158271	07/10/2023	View Report	C3	2023
07/11/2023 - 07/24/2023	110301333	07/23/2025	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
07/11/2023 - 07/24/2023	110163404 Amended by: 110301333	08/01/2023	View Report	C4	2023
07/16/2023 - 07/16/2023	110161562	07/24/2023	View Report	C3	2023

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07/25/2023 - 08/31/2023	110301335	07/23/2025	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
07/25/2023 - 08/31/2023	110172982 Amended by: 110301335	09/12/2023	View Report	C4	2023
08/29/2023 - 08/29/2023	110168846	08/29/2023	View Report	C3	2023
09/01/2023 - 10/16/2023	110303822	07/31/2025	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
09/01/2023 - 10/16/2023	110181375 Amended by: 110303822	10/17/2023	View Report	C4	2023
09/21/2023 - 09/21/2023	110174493	09/21/2023	View Report	C3	2023
10/02/2023 - 10/02/2023	110176507	10/02/2023	View Report	C3	2023
10/17/2023 - 10/30/2023	110303823	07/31/2025	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
10/17/2023 - 10/30/2023	110185547 Amended by: 110303823	10/31/2023	View Report	C4	2023
10/31/2023 - 11/30/2023	110303824	07/31/2025	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
10/31/2023 - 11/30/2023	110194731 Amended by: 110303824	12/28/2023	View Report	C4	2023
11/02/2023 - 11/02/2023	110187887	11/08/2023	View Report	C3	2023

Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
12/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	110303825	07/31/2025	View Report	C4 - Amended	2023
12/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	110197960 Amended by: 110303825	01/15/2024	View Report	C4	2023
06/01/2025 - 06/30/2025	110308554	08/21/2025	View Report	C4	2023

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WAC 390-37-143

Brief enforcement hearings (brief adjudicative proceeding)—Penalty schedule.

The presiding officer may assess a penalty up to \$2,000 upon finding a violation of Title 29B RCW or Title 390 WAC.

(1) Base penalty amounts:

Violation	1st Occasion	2nd Occasion	3rd Occasion
Failure to timely file an accurate and complete statement of financial affairs (F-1):			
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Provided written explanation or appeared at hearing to explain mitigating circumstances. Did not enter into statement of understanding.	\$0 - \$500	\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,000 - \$1,500
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Did not enter into statement of understanding.	\$150 - \$500	\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,000 - \$1,500
Failed to file report by date of enforcement hearing.	\$250 - \$750	\$750 - \$1,000	\$1,000 - \$2,000
Candidate's failure to timely file an accurate and complete registration statement (C-1)/statement of financial affairs (F-1):			
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Provided written explanation or appeared at hearing to explain mitigating circumstances. Did not enter into statement of understanding.	\$0 - \$500 per report	\$500 - \$1,000 per report	\$1,000 - \$1,500 per report up to \$2,000
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Did not enter into statement of understanding.	\$150 per report	\$300 per report	\$600 per report up to \$1,000
Failed to file report by date of enforcement hearing.	\$250 per report	\$500 per report	consideration by full commission
Failure to timely file an accurate and complete lobbyist monthly expense report (L-2):			
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Provided written explanation or appeared at hearing to explain mitigating circumstances. Did not enter into statement of understanding.	\$0 - \$500	\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,000 - \$1,500
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Did not enter into statement of understanding.	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failed to file report by date of enforcement hearing.	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,000
Failure to timely file an accurate and complete lobbyist employer report (L-3):			
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Provided written explanation or appeared at hearing to explain mitigating	\$0 - \$500	\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,000 - \$1,500

circumstances. Did not enter into statement of understanding.			
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Did not enter into statement of understanding.	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failed to file report by date of enforcement hearing.	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,000
Failure to timely file accurate and complete disclosure reports:			
Political committee registration (C-1pc).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Statement of contributions deposit (C-3).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Summary of total contributions and expenditures (C-4).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Independent expenditures and electioneering communications (C-6).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Last minute contribution report (LMC).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Out-of-state committee report (C-5).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Annual report of major contributors (C-7).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failure to timely file accurate and complete reports disclosing lobbying activities:			
Lobbyist registration (L-1).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Public agency lobbying report (L-5).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Grass roots lobbying report (L-6).	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failure to file electronically.	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,000
Exceeding contribution limits.	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Exceeding mini reporting threshold.	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failure to comply with political advertising sponsor identification requirements.	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failure to include required candidate's party preference in political advertising.	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failure to comply with other political advertising requirements, RCW 29B.30.060 through 29B.30.090 .	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Use of public facilities to assist a campaign for election or promote a ballot measure.	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Treasurer's failure to timely file an accurate and complete annual treasurer's report (T-1):			
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Provided written explanation or appeared at hearing to explain mitigating circumstances. Did not enter into statement of understanding.	\$0 - \$500	\$500 - \$1,000	\$1,000 - \$1,500
Filed report after hearing notice, but before enforcement hearing. Did not enter into statement of understanding.	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Failed to file report by date of enforcement hearing.	\$750	\$1,500	\$2,000

"Occasion" means established violation, including any violation acknowledged by the respondent in a statement of understanding. Only violations in the last five years will be considered for the purpose of determining second and third occasions.

(2) In determining the appropriate penalty, the presiding officer may consider the nature of the violation and aggravating and mitigating factors as set forth under WAC **390-37-185**.

(3) The presiding officer has authority to suspend all or a portion of an assessed penalty under the conditions to be determined by that officer including, but not limited to, payment of the nonsuspended portion of the penalty within 30 business days of the date of the entry of the order in that case.

(4) If, on the third occasion, a respondent has outstanding penalties or judgments, the matter will be directed to the full commission for consideration.

(5) The presiding officer may direct a matter to the full commission if the officer believes the penalty limit would be an insufficient penalty or the matter warrants consideration by the full commission. Cases will automatically be scheduled before the full commission for an enforcement action when:

(a) The respondent already had been found in violation during a previous reporting period;

(b) That prior violation remains in effect, following any appeals; and

(c) The person has not filed the disclosure forms that were the subject of the prior violation at the time the current hearing notice is being sent.

[Statutory Authority: RCW **42.17A.110** and 2024 c 164. WSR 26-01-209, s 390-37-143, filed 12/24/25, effective 1/1/26. Statutory Authority: RCW **42.17A.110** and [42.17A.]755. WSR 25-16-030, s 390-37-143, filed 7/28/25, effective 11/5/25. Statutory Authority: RCW **42.17A.110**(1) and 2018 c 304. WSR 18-24-074, § 390-37-143, filed 11/30/18, effective 12/31/18. Statutory Authority: RCW **42.17A.110**(1) and **42.17A.570**. WSR 18-10-088, § 390-37-143, filed 5/1/18, effective 6/1/18. Statutory Authority: RCW **42.17A.110**. WSR 17-03-004, § 390-37-143, filed 1/4/17, effective 2/4/17.]