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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with Title 29B RCW  
(formerly RCW 42.17A)

Clinton Taylor,

Respondent.

PDC Case 164100

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

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to Clinton Taylor on February 10, 2026, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on March 19, 2026, remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission, to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 29B.25.090 and RCW 29B.25.100 (formerly RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240) for failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures as a candidate for the 2023 election cycle.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 RCW, 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Vice Chair Douglass North was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Tabitha Townsend, Compliance Officer. The Respondent participated in the hearing by Teams.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent was a candidate for City Council Member of the City of Auburn.
2. As a candidate for election, the Respondent was required to file C-3 and C-4 reports according to the full reporting schedule for the 2023 election cycle.
3. The Respondent did not file or amend the C-3 and C-4 reports by the date of the enforcement hearing.
4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes 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 29B.25.090 and RCW 29B.25.100 (formerly RCW 42.17A.235 and RCW 42.17A.240) for failure to timely and accurately report contributions and expenditures.

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 \$300, with \$200 of the penalty suspended, in accordance with the C-3 and C-4 penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143.**

**It is further ordered that the Respondent:**

- 1. Pay the \$100 civil penalty within 30 days of the date of this Order.**
- 2. File/Amend the missing/inaccurate C-3 and C-4 reports to balance your 2023 campaign account to the accurate zero or positive balance within 30 days of the date of this Order.**
- 3. Commit no further violations of Chapter 42.17A RCW or Title 390 WAC for a period of 4 years from the date of this order or the suspended \$200 will become due and payable without further Commission action.**

The \$100 non-suspended portion of the penalty is due to be paid within 30 days of the date of this Order. If the Respondent fails to pay the non-suspended penalty of \$100 within 30 days or fails to comply with any of the conditions of this Order, the suspended portion of the penalty shall immediately become due without further action by the Commission.

In the event the Respondent fails to pay the non-suspended \$100 civil penalty within 30 days of the date of the Order, PDC staff is directed to refer the matter to collections or to seek a court order compelling compliance with this Order.

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

Entered this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

Public Disclosure Commission

*Electronically signed by Peter Frey Lavallee*

Peter Frey Lavallee

Executive Director

I, Tabitha Townsend, certify that I emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their email of record on the date stated herein.

Electronically Signed Tabitha Townsend

Signed

April 10, 2026

Date

### **REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION**

You may request that the full Commission review this initial order. To seek review, you must:

- Make a written request, stating the reason for review and identifying what alleged errors are contained in the initial order. See [WAC 390-37-144\(1\)](#) and [RCW 34.05.464](#).

Requests for review must be received at the Commission office within TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS after the postmark date of this initial order.

Electronic requests for review should be sent to [pdcc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdc.wa.gov).

Written requests for review should be delivered or mailed to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, 711 Capitol Way, Room 206, Box 40908, Olympia, WA 98504-0908.

If a request to review this initial order is timely filed, the full Commission will review the matter. The Commission shall afford each party an opportunity to present written argument and may afford each party an opportunity to present oral argument.

In considering requests for review, the Commission is limited to the administrative record and will only consider evidence previously admitted into that record. If the Commission is unable to schedule a meeting to consider the request within twenty (20) calendar days, this initial order becomes a final order, and any request for review will automatically be considered a request for reconsideration of a final order.

See [WAC 390-37-144\(4\)](#), [WAC 390-37-150\(4\)\(a\)](#).

In such circumstances, the matter will be scheduled for consideration and disposition at the next Commission meeting at which it is practicable to do so.

A Respondent does not need to pay a penalty until after the Commission rules on a request for review of an initial order.

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### **APPEAL OF FINAL ORDER TO SUPERIOR COURT**

If the Commission does not receive a request for review of the Initial Order within twenty-one (21) calendar days, the Initial Order shall be the Final Order.

See [WAC 390-37-142\(7\)](#).

You have the right to appeal a **Final Order** to Superior Court, pursuant to the petition for judicial review provisions of [RCW 34.05.552](#).