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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In Re: Compliance with RCW 42.17A<sup>1</sup>

ENGAGE VOTERS U.S.,

Respondent.

PDC Case 164411

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

Pursuant to the brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) notice sent to Engage Voters U.S. (the Respondent) on March 3, 2026, a brief adjudicative proceeding was held on April 9, 2026, remotely from Olympia, WA by live audio and online transmission, to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.345 by failing to timely provide commercial advertiser books of account upon request as required during the 2024 election.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapter 34.05 RCW, Title 29B RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. Commission Chair J. Leach was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Jennifer Hansen, Compliance Officer. The Respondent did not participate in the hearing.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. During election year 2024, the Respondent received funds from eleven candidates for political advertising expenditures.
2. On November 1, 2024, Conner Edwards sent a request to “[evus@engagevoters.us](mailto:evus@engagevoters.us)” for the books of account.
3. During the hearing, Mr. Edwards testified under oath that the Respondent had not provided books of account per his request.
4. The Respondent has no prior violations.

<sup>1</sup> Effective Jan. 1, 2026, Chapter 42.17A RCW was recodified to Title 29B RCW. Because the events at issue in this case occurred in 2024, this SOU cites to Chapter 42.17A.

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 42.17A.345 by failing to timely provide commercial advertiser books of account upon request as required during the 2024 election.

ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a total civil penalty of \$500, in accordance with the penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-143.**
2. **It is further ordered that \$250 of the \$500 penalty is suspended on the following conditions:**
  - a. **The Respondent pays the \$250 non-suspended portion of the penalty within 30 days of this Order.**
  - b. **The Respondent provides the books of account to the requester within 30 days of this Order.**
  - c. **The Respondent does not commit any further violations of Title 29B RCW or Title 390 WAC with four years of the date of this Order. The suspended penalty shall not be assessed based solely upon any remediable violation, minor violation, or error classified by the Commission as appropriate to address by a technical correction.**
3. **It is further ordered that, if the Respondent fails to comply with any of the above conditions:**
  - a. **The full \$500 penalty shall immediately become due without further action by the Commission and PDC Staff is directed to refer the matter to collections and/or commence other legal proceeding as authorized by RCW 29B and 390 WAC.**

Finding, Conclusions & Order

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

Entered this 7th day of May, 2026.

Public Disclosure Commission

*Electronically Signed*

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Peter Frey Lavalley

Executive Director

I, Jennifer Hansen, certify that I mailed and emailed a copy of this order to the Respondent at their respective address postage pre-paid, and by email on the date stated herein.

Electronically Signed Jennifer Hansen

Signed

5/7/2026

Date

## APPEALS OF INITIAL ORDER

### REVIEW OF INITIAL ORDER - BY THE COMMISSION

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

- Make the request orally or in writing, stating the reason for review, and identifying what alleged errors are contained in the initial order. *See* WAC 390-37-144(1). Staff may ask for written confirmation of oral requests for review.
- **REQUESTS FOR REVIEW MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE POSTMARK DATE OF THIS INITIAL ORDER.** 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 review of this initial order is timely requested, the full Commission will hear the matter. 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). The matter would then 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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### FURTHER APPEAL RIGHTS – SUPERIOR COURT

If the Commission does not receive a request for review of this initial order within twenty-one (21) calendar days, the initial order shall be the final order. *See* WAC 390-37-142(5).

**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.**