



State of Washington

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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Memorandum

To: Presiding Officer, Public Disclosure Commission

From: Alice Fiman, Compliance Manager

Date: April 30, 2026

Subject: Glenn Dobbs Enforcement Hearing Memorandum: PDC Case 166612

Allegations:

PDC Staff allege that, during election year 2025, Glenn Dobbs violated:

- RCW 42.17A.255¹ by failing to file an Independent Expenditure (C-6) report with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) within five days after the date of making an independent expenditure supporting a ballot proposition.
- RCW 42.17A.320 by failing to include a sponsor's name and address on political advertising.

Background and Prior History with the Public Disclosure Commission:

- In January 2025, voters in the Wenatchee School District received, via the US Mail, a publication titled The Wenatchee Record. The publication included statements opposing the Wenatchee School District Proposition 1, which was a ballot proposition on the February 11, 2025, ballot. **(EXHIBIT 1)**
- Glenn Dobbs created and mailed the publication using personal funds. The total cost was \$5,098. **(EXHIBIT 3)**
- In response to an inquiry from PDC Staff, Dobbs stated, "The Wenatchee Record is a community publication, published intermittently, to provide news and information to the public not generally addressed by other media outlets" and further stated,

¹ NOTE: Effective Jan. 1, 2026, Chapter 42.17A RCW was recodified to Title 29B RCW. Because the events at issue in this investigation occurred in 2025, this case cites to Chapter 42.17A.

“Regarding dates of forthcoming editions, The Wenatchee Record is published intermittently, at irregular intervals, so the timing of future editions is impossible to predict with certainty.” **(EXHIBIT 3)**

- As of this writing, PDC staff believe there have been two published editions of The Wenatchee Record, 1) a publication dated January 2025 (noted as edition 102) **(EXHIBIT 1)** and 2) an edition published in November 2023 (noted as edition 101).
- Screenshots of the November 2023 edition were included with a news story in the general-circulation news publication *The Wenatchee World*. **(EXHIBIT 2)**
- PDC Staff was unable to find any other editions online or in print, including an edition Dobbs stated to PDC staff would be released in September 2025 and be focused on this case, PDC 166612. **(EXHIBIT 3)**
- Due to the January 2025 publication clearly referring to the levy, characterizing the levy as a new tax and presenting arguments against the statements made by the school board, based on PDC Staff’s investigation, the January 2025 Wenatchee Record constitutes an independent expenditure opposing a ballot proposition, triggering the requirement to file the C-6 as provided by RCW 42.17A.255.
- Sponsor ID is required on printed political advertising in an area set apart from the ad text. An individual, organization, business or political party committee must include its name and mailing address on the ad. The January 2025 publication includes the publication name and an email address (“editor@thewenatcheerecord.com”), but Dobbs did not identify himself as the sponsor or provide the language “No candidate authorized this ad. It is paid for by (name, address, city, state)” as required by RCW 42.17A.320.
- Dobbs received a warning from PDC Staff in January 2024 as part of PDC Case 144377, related to a previous publication mailed to Wenatchee residents on issues within the Wenatchee School District. In that case, Dobbs received education on the requirements for publishing political advertising and independent expenditures and filed a C-6 report as required. **(EXHIBIT 4)**

Aggravating Factors:

- The publication was mailed to impact the public during time sensitive period before an election.
- The printing and mailing costs amounted to more than \$5000.
- Dobbs received a warning in 2024 related to similar activity and knew or should have known he needed to file a C-6 and include correct sponsor identification.

Attachments:

- EXHIBIT 1: The Wenatchee Record Edition 102
- EXHIBIT 2: Screenshot of The Wenatchee Record Edition 101
- EXHIBIT 3: Responses from Glenn Dobbs, including cost to print and mail The Wenatchee Record edition 102
- EXHIBIT 4: Resolution of PDC Case 144377

Exhibit 1

Respondent Name
Glenn Dobbs
Complainant Name
Sharyl Bohart
Complaint Description
Sbo4 reported via the portal (Fri, 31 Jan 2025 at 12:05 PM) Copy of mailer attached, no identifier that it is a political ad
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
The attached paper arrived in my mailbox looking like it could be printed as our local town paper the Wenatchee World. It is full of false and misinformation and does not identify itself as political propaganda and is a political mailer. This person was warned before and did not heed that warning. This misinformation coming in the look alike form of a respected newspaper like the “Wenatchee World” is despicable and those who do not read carefully could be misled when filling out their ballots in our upcoming levy election.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
Certification (Complainant)
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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JANUARY 2025

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WSD may be liable for sexual harassment and discrimination.

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of students showing math proficiency well below their grade level.

High School

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Even more discouraging, OSPI reports that only 15.6% of WSD students are actually on track or prepared to take college Math courses without first taking basic Math to bring them up to the level of their student peers. Only 17.5% are on track to take Science classes at the college level and only 41% are ready for college-level English. By OSPI standards, WSD students are being graduated severely unprepared for college.

Graduating Unprepared for the Future

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Attendant Plannets

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WSD calculation, the property tax on a home valued at \$400,000 is estimated to drop by \$860 per year. The property tax on a \$600,000 home will drop by \$1,320. The only way that drop in property tax can be avoided is to pass the proposed levy and accept a brand new, and higher, property tax regime which will become effective January, 2026, and last for another four years.

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Copies of the executed contract and the detailed campaign plan are available to the public by calling the District office at 509-663-2186 or by stopping by the WSD office at 235 Sunset Avenue, Wenatchee.

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Glenn Dobbs
Complainant Name
Marilyn Crouch
Complaint Description
Marilyn Crouch reported via the portal (Thu, 30 Jan 2025 at 7:20 PM) <i>A four page publication sent to Wenatchee voters that misrepresents the facts about the Wenatchee School District and local libraries.</i>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
A front page article states the current school levy will raise taxes, when in fact the new levy replaces the current one when it expires. It's misleading and the article points out how much property taxes will DECREASE if this levy fails. The entire publication is full of lies and false statements that is meant to cast doubt upon our local school district. "The Wenatchee Record" is close to the "Wenatchee World" local newspaper, creating more confusion.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
editor@thewenatcheerecord.com
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
Ed Crouch, 509-679-0302 Carmen Centeno, ccenteno730@gmail.com, 509-699-5453.
Certification (Complainant)
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EDITORIAL



FROM BAD TO WORSE

SCHOOL DISTRICT IS LOSING GROUND.
HOW FAR CAN IT GO?

Glenn Dobbs
Editor

The State's Office of Public Instruction (OSPI) Report Card, shows the Wenatchee School District's academic performance for the 2023-2024 school year was even worse than the previous year. The administration claims the bad performance is right in the middle of other poorly-performing schools with similar demographics so "we're not doing that bad."

A quick look at the WSD website hints at the problem. The entirety of the site is devoted to various elements of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion. The District's Policy and Procedures Manual mirrors OSPI manual, right down to a myopic focus on gender dysphoria, transgender ideology. Policy 3211 and Procedure 3211-P, consists of five pages of instruction for normalizing transgender ideology, and protecting students from parents. There is no discussion of how to improve academic performance among students.

The Record acquired internal notes for a November 2023, school district DEI meeting which reads, "Promise: We promise to build a foundation of diversity, equity and inclusion from which each student emerges future-ready." That is not a statement of an educator; it is the language of a Marxist change agent. Nowhere does it go to what can be done to reverse the humiliation of being responsible for a failing school system. They describe themselves as the District Cabinet Team.

In conversations with faculty members, it quickly becomes clear the district has some outstanding, well trained teachers but a large proportion of teachers in the district are disappointed and demoralized by what they are required to do to their students. The common theme is, they are required to pay more attention to DEI issues related to the social, emotional development of the kids than on teaching the subjects for which they as teachers were educated and trained.

Declining enrollment in WSD is another indicator of community dissatisfaction with government run schools. From the district's own web site it is difficult to determine what

enrollment actually is; ranging from 6,800 students to 7,147 on the OSPI site. Enrollment in Wenatchee schools has dropped by almost 1,000 students over the last 8 years.

A new private Christian school opened in September, 2024, with 270 students. Wenatchee currently has well over 1,000 children being educated in private schools or are being home schooled. One former elementary teacher in the district who took her children out of WSD schools, said her reason for leaving is she, "Would never allow anyone to do to her children what they are doing in Wenatchee," a telling statement coming from a former teacher in the district. Until the public school system can demonstrate a willingness and ability to produce a quality educational product, without sexualizing the community's children, we can expect the continued growth of private schools and further declines in public school enrollment.

Professionals in any trade or profession must be able to analyze problems and, when required, make changes to improve the outcome. Surgeons, engineers and airline pilots are masters at analysis and adjustment. In the medical field its called the scientific method. In airline parlance its called analyzing the problem from the best information available, adjusting to conditions at hand, landing the airplane and figuring out what went wrong and make sure it doesn't happen again. Both are outcome based and both produce measurable results.

The new administration in Washington DC having announced its intention to abolish DEI in all federal agencies, state and public school systems receiving federal funds, DEI and its component elements of Critical Race Theory, Social Emotional Learning and Transgender ideology, have a very short half-life. To put it into attorney parlance, that cake is being baked, right now. The question is, how many educators are going to resist the coming changes at the cost of their careers, and how many in the profession are capable of returning to actually educating our young?

THE DEATH OF DEI

THE WENATCHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (WSD) HAS ESTABLISHED DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION (DEI), AS THE FOUNDATION OF A FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR EDUCATING THE DISTRICT'S STUDENTS

The Wenatchee School District (WSD) has established Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI), as the foundation of a five year plan for educating the district's students. In spite of oftentimes strident criticism from the community, and consistently failing academic performance, the administration and the school board have doggedly embraced a culturally divisive ideology. Critics will be pleased to know their voices have been heard and all of that is about to change.

The US Department of Education (DOE) announced on January 23, the removal of all Diversity, Equity, Inclusion programs from the agency and its commitment to extending the prohibitions across the country. The announcement said the removal of DEI from agencies and school systems "is the first step in reorienting the agency toward prioritizing meaningful learning ahead of divisive ideology in our schools."

Recognizing that physical traits, like skin color, is irrelevant to outcomes in business, the military or education, scores of major corporations and entire university systems have thrown out and closed their DEI offices. At least twenty-two states have passed laws abolishing DEI in state hiring, in public schools, and more than forty universities have closed their DEI offices. More than thirty branded companies have closed their DEI departments.

A former WSD administrator told The Record, "The district's five year DEI plan isn't really a plan at all. We still have some good, committed teachers in the district but the administration has no identifiable path for improving the educational product. With DOE canceling DEI across the country, that will leave the Wenatchee School District without even a pretend plan. They won't know where to go or where they've been. It's a mess."

ANALEIGH WILSON SPEECH AT THE RILEY GAINES EVENT IN WENATCHEE



Millions of voters across the nation find the Left's woke promotion of biological men and boys competing in female sports irrational. Shortly after his inauguration as President, Donald J. Trump signed Executive Order 14166 titled, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government.

His sensitivity on the issue can be largely credited to the crusade launched by the NCAA All-American collegiate swimmer, Riley Gaines, who launched a campaign two years ago to protest men in women's sports. Speaking in September, 2024, at a Lincoln Day dinner in Wenatchee, Gaines met with local girl athletes, encouraging them to stand up and speak out.

On the stage in front of 600 attendees, a 14 year old middle schooler emotionally shared her heart wrenching story of competing locally against a fully developed male in cross-country competition. Here is the Ahnaleigh Wilson story.

"All my hard work didn't matter"

Hi, my name is Ahnaleigh Wilson. I am 14 years old and a freshman at Eastmont. In May of this year, I ran in the Cashmere Junior Olympics. The Junior Olympics are a regional track meet for junior high athletes who placed first or second in a race during the regular track season, so it's a big deal. It is basically the championships for our area. I raced against a transgender athlete in the 1600 meters. I had heard of this happening around our country, but never expected that I would encounter it firsthand.

When all of the runners lined up to race, I noticed that this athlete was built very differently than all of the other girls, but I didn't think much about it because we were on the starting line ready to race. It wasn't until we were on the podium that I heard the commotion of upset adults and kids. That is when I heard that the athlete standing next to me was a biological boy. My heart sank and I felt so discouraged. It felt like all my hard work throughout the year didn't matter.

My family and I spoke up about how unfair this was. We didn't speak up because I got second place and didn't win, but we spoke up because boys racing against girls at this level of competition isn't right or fair. All of those biological girls standing up there next to me had worked just as hard throughout the season as I did. But, at that moment, our hard work and talent didn't matter.

A coach on the transgender athlete's team had heard my group of friends frustrated and voicing their concerns about it not being fair that a biological boy was racing against girls. They told my group of friends that if they were going to complain they needed to go somewhere else. Hearing this was devastating to me and my friends because it felt like we were being told to shut up, stop complaining, and just deal with it. And this is why I'm speaking up. Our female athlete voices need to be heard because we are the ones this is personally affecting.

Going through this experience has been incredibly hard. Adults have attacked my family and me for speaking up for fairness and protection of biological females in sports. My family and I have been told by adults that we are trans-phobic, that I am a sore loser, and that I value winning more than a human life. We have also been told that we will be the ones responsible if this transgender athlete takes their life. And then I was told that I'm simply just not good enough and that's why I placed second. But it feels like these same people who are attacking female athletes for speaking up do not care about the mental toll and struggles this is also taking on female athletes.

These words have affected me, and it has hurt tremendously to hear all of these things because my family and I are some of the kindest people who strive to love everyone. I have had severe anxiety and panic attacks, as I have been trying to prove to those who say I'm not good enough by training even harder. What hurts the most is that no matter how hard I train and push myself, the likelihood of beating a boy is slim.

I've learned so much going through this experience. My biggest takeaway is that allowing boys to compete in girls' sports isn't working and it isn't fair. It isn't fair and it isn't working for biological girls, and it isn't fair and isn't working for transgender athletes. No matter where you stand, failing to protect women's sports is wrong.

So much hate and conflict has come from this for both sides. The things I have heard about this transgender athlete and towards me from grown adults is awful and damaging. I'm only 14 and shouldn't have to deal with these kinds of adult issues. But here I am because female athletes should also have a voice.

I am not speaking up to spread hate, but I am speaking up, hoping that adults will step up and do what is right to protect and keep women's sports fair and safe for biological girls. I hope we can find a solution for all athletes to compete fairly and safely because at 14 years old, even I can see that the current rules aren't working for biological girls or transgender athletes. Thank you.

Published intermittently, The Wenatchee Record, is committed to focusing the light of public attention on subjects related to the education, health, and welfare of the community.

Communication with its editors can be sent to:

THE WENATCHEE RECORD
editor@thewenatcheerecord.com

SUPERINTENDENT KALAHAR CHARGED IN PDC COMPLAINT

A formal complaint has been filed with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC), charging Wenatchee School District Superintendent, Kory Kalahar, PhD, with violating Washington State law.



The complaint filed in June, 2024, accuses the Superintendent with illegally using school district resources in an effort to lobby parents, students, and student leadership to affect the outcome just days before the November 2023, general election.

The complaint, filed by Bill Sullivan, Chair of the Wenatchee Values Alliance, accuses Dr. Kalahar with using Wenatchee School District (WSD) resources in multiple attempts to discredit The Wenatchee Record's coverage of WSD's failing academic performance. The Record published information taken directly from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), highlighting the district's poor academic performance. The complaint reads:

"Once The Record's distribution came to the attention of the District, Superintendent Kalahar immediately launched a coordinated campaign to publicly counter The Record from November 3rd through Election Day on November 7. Rather than respond as a private citizen, or simply wait several days until after the election to respond, Mr. Kalahar elected to leverage District resources and staff by using its computers, website, online application, and mass communication contact lists to reach thousands of voters, including:

- Direct emails to approximately 900 District employees;
- Direct emails and Bloomz media application notifications to parents of over 7,400 enrolled students;
- Posting to the District's website;
- Posting to the District's Facebook page with 7,200 followers;
- Posting to the District's Twitter/X account with 1,400 followers;
- Emails urging a student leader to publish a narrative in District publications in opposition to The Wenatchee Record, further asking the student leader to encourage students, and their parents to go out and vote, and further asking the student to organize a student "walk-out" in protest of the publication.
- Publishing an Op-Ed in Wenatchee World's regional newspaper and website.

The complaint states that on November 3 and 6, Kalahar received emails from school board director and attorney Julie Norton, citing RCW 42.17A.555, warning that he should refrain from engaging in political matters as covered in The Record. Yet, in a flagrant effort to restrict community discussion around the revelations of poor academic performance, the Superintendent shut down, locked out, the public's comments on the district's Facebook page, tacitly admitting that further discussion of articles in The Record might cast the district in a negative light.

Superintendent asks The Wenatchee World to Censure Coverage

The complaint charges, further in spite of Norton's warning, Kalahar's office sent an email to The Wenatchee World reporter, Gabriel Garcia, "...soliciting favor from the newspaper, asking The World for "limited media exposure on any issues that could be considered controversial" and to "help us clarify and debunk claims made about us by running an Opinion Editorial by Superintendent Kory Kalahar in the coming days". The Kalahar OpEd was published on November 6, the day before the election."

The Record has secured and reproduced below the Haglund email of November 5, to The Wenatchee World, sent just two days before the November 7, 2023 General Election. It is signed by Diana Haglund (pronouns she/

her/ella), Communications Director for the Wenatchee School District, and claims "irreparable harm has been done to our system and we respectfully ask for limited media exposure on any issues that could be considered controversial..." (There is no evidence The World granted Haglund's request for censorship.)

From: Haglund, Diana <dhaglund@wenatcheeschools.org>
Subject: Reschedule
To: Gabriel Garcia
Sent: November 5, 2023 8:25 PM (UTC-06:00)

Gabriel,

We would like to reschedule our conversation about chronic absenteeism scheduled for Monday with you for another time.

As you know, the Wenatchee School District is under attack due to a recent political propaganda matter printed by the Wenatchee World. While we understand and respect the paper's position, there has been irreparable harm done to our system, and we respectfully ask for limited media exposure on any issues that could be considered controversial and further any false narratives.

At this time, our focus needs to be on taking care of our people—educators, employees, students, and families who are feeling hurt by these allegations. We also need to refute these claims and ensure we have clear responses for the public to address these issues.

We also ask that the Wenatchee World help us clarify and debunk claims made about us by running an Opinion Editorial by Superintendent Kory Kalahar in the coming days. I will be in touch with you when it's ready.

Thank you
Diana

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Kalahar Suggests Student Leader Organize Walkout

In a separate email exchange with an unidentified student leader, the Superintendent suggested the student organize a walk-out of other students in protest to The Record's exposure of the district's poor academic performance.

Kalahar's email, reproduced in its entirety in Appendix 12 of the complaint, states:

"...you could organize a group of informed students and write a student letter to the newspaper about your thoughts. I wonder if the Apple Leaf (the WHS student newspaper) could do a special edition on student response to the newsletter. You could have the Panther Pulse report on it and help get the word out. Perhaps meet with the WHS administration and help plan a walk out around the newsletter to share your voice. You have the strength in numbers and our students' voices should be heard. Please let me know how I can help support you!" (Emphasis added)

The complaint concludes with:

"If Mr. Kalahar felt that his actions, in response to The Record's claims, were appropriate, it is fair to ask why he chose to launch the District into an aggressive public campaign at the time when people were actively voting? And if he felt the articles were inaccurate or unfair, why did he not choose to take the opportunity to challenge them on their own merits after the election? This would have effectively resonated with voters, encouraged open and inclusive discussion, and maintained the public's trust. Mr. Kalahar's actions are not consistent with normal and regular conduct by the District and are contradictory to (the) District policies he personally circulated to faculty and staff prior to the election."

PDC Stalls Investigation into Allegations

State law specifically forbids public agencies, institutions and schools using public resources including computers, social media, proprietary email lists, staff time and materials, to affect or attempt to influence the outcome of elections for candidates for elective office or for causes or

issues. The PDC regularly hears cases of violations of campaign laws and has in the past assessed fines ranging from \$180 to several hundred dollars to school administrators who, in their official capacity, violate campaign laws. The obviously coordinated and repeated violations by the WSD Superintendent egregiously exceeds any violations The Record has been able to find in PDC files.

One month after receiving the formal complaint, in July, 2024 the Public Disclosure Commission announced it was opening an investigation into the allegations contained in the June Complaint.

While election law violations are regularly acted on

within a few days or at most a couple of months, the PDC has been uncharacteristically slow, and silent on their investigation into the Wenatchee Values Alliance complaint, especially in light of what appears to be repeated efforts to influence thousands of people in the community.

PDC critics claim it is common practice for the agency to "cooperate" with other agencies to minimize public blowback. As we go to press, Wenatchee School District is soliciting public approval of a new school tax. Exposure now of the Superintendent's violations would more than likely have a negative effect on that vote.

In light of the obvious PDC stalling Chelan County Prosecutor, Robert Sealby, in October contacted the State Attorney General's office for a status report, requesting the state to hand off jurisdiction to the local prosecutor's office. Then Attorney General, now Governor, Robert Ferguson's office to date has simply ignored the County Prosecutor's request.

The Record attempted to contact Peter Lavalley, Executive Director of the PDC, to ascertain why a case which would normally be resolved within a few weeks, remains silent and open after more than 6 months of investigation. Apparently following the Attorney General's lead, Mr. Lavalley did not respond to The Record's request for information nor our request for an interview.

Clearly, the Public Disclosure Commission and the State Attorney General's office are dragging their feet, apparently postponing their investigation and refusing to provide progress reports or reasons for their delay.

The Wenatchee School District is presenting a levy request to the community in February and many in the community have yet to make up their mind. It is in the best interest of both the school district and the people of Chelan County to have a resolution to the allegations before voting for, or against, that levy.

Interested voters can read the entire Complaint, consisting of 6 pages of summary and 25 pages of supporting documentation, on the PDC website by referencing case number 156953.

THE STATE OSPI REPORT CARD SAYS WSD FAILURES PERSIST

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Card shows, during the 2023-2024 school year, less than half, 48.2%, of enrolled Wenatchee High School students, attended school regularly—90% or more of the time. WSD has the lowest high school attendance rate in the area, with Cashmere at 86.4%, Eastmont 59.9%. Clearly, if students aren't attending classes they can't be expected to produce passing scores in Math, Science or English, or be prepared for college and careers.

Change is Not Yet in the Wind

Wenatchee schools aren't deteriorating organically, inside out by themselves. Liberal Progressive control of the State's education system from the Washington State Board of Education, to the Office of the Superin-

tendent of Public Instruction, to individual school districts, is the result of educators embracing the Marxist ideology of using the schools to effect social change. State education abandoned time-proven teaching techniques, based on merit and academic accomplishment, to adopt trendy political ideologies based on students' physical characteristics and genital identity.

When parents express their concerns at school board meetings they are ignored by the board, thanked for their input and dismissed. When parents voice their concerns to the administration they are met with platitudes, "I admire you protecting your daughter but we aren't going to change our policy of

allowing boys in the girls locker room."

A former public school teacher now teaching in a private Christian school in Wenatchee reported that her enthusiasm for teaching has been renewed. She said the Wenatchee schools spend entirely too much time on political wokeness, it is difficult for students to concentrate and focus on academic studies. She told The Record, "It is so refreshing to teach classes where there are no cell phones, the text books aren't pushing woke political agenda, and kids actually listen and engage in intelligent discussion. There are almost no discipline problems. I taught some of these kids in public schools and they are entirely different people today."

NCW Removes the American Flag



STORMS CLOUDS ARE RISING

COMMUNITIES ACROSS FIVE COUNTIES IN NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON ARE DISCOVERING THAT NCW LIBRARIES, THE AGENCY MANAGING COMMUNITY LIBRARIES IN CHELAN, DOUGLAS, OKANOGAN, FERRY AND GRANT COUNTIES, HAS REMOVED THE AMERICAN FLAG FROM DISPLAY IN LOCAL LIBRARIES

In most of the libraries across the district, the American flag has been taken down and replaced with the colorfully striped Gay Pride flag.

Support for display of the American flag is a cause most Americans can rally around. Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the American Legion, churches, political parties, unions, Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis clubs, and a host of other organizations have never abided the denigrating of the American flag. Particularly, to be replaced by the flag of a militant minority of less than 1% of the population.

The Wenatchee Public Library is illustrative of what is found in most of the 30 libraries operated by NCW Libraries.

At the Wenatchee Library, a large colorfully striped flag is displayed in the front window of the bldg. A sign beneath the flag, euphemistically known as the Gay Pride flag, explains the proponents interpretation of the stripes.

A quick walk through other rooms in the library finds no American flag displayed except tucked backed in the corner of the Public Meeting room. In the children's wing there is no flag but there is an 8.5"x11" display of flyers telling kids to let the librarian know their personal pronoun. At the front desk is a brochure inviting visitors to attend a virtual program titled "We All Transition."

As token to the patriots of the community, by the front door there is a small 3"x5" plastic peel-off American flag decal above another plastic peel-off, the ubiquitous Gay Pride flag of the same size.

Visitors to the NCW Libraries regional headquarters at 16 North Columbia Street, are greeted by a large, multi-colored Gay Pride flag prominently displayed in the entry way. Attached to the entry door is a stick-on Gay Pride flag but not even a stick-on American flag is to be found. NCW Libraries headquarters apparently sets the tone for the libraries throughout the five county area.

Barbara Walters, Executive Director of NCW Libraries, said at the organization's last board meeting there isn't a flag policy and said it would take her months to draft one. The board has given her four months to come up with a written policy.

Symbolizing the historical fight for freedom, the building of the American nation, and its defense of freedom at home and abroad, the American flag is the most inclusive flag in the world. As a symbol of freedom and opportunity it is unrivaled among national flags. To remove it and replace it, with a contrived symbol of the personal sex preferences of a tiny but vocal political movement, is to denigrate the significance of the most meaningful symbol of freedom the world has ever seen.

Storm clouds are rising. It behooves librarians across the country to seriously weigh the consequences of replacing the American flag with any other flag. The outcome of this fight is inevitable.



Book Review

"Keeping The Kids All Right:

How to Empower Your Children Against the Leftist Agenda—Without Homeschooling"

By Barak Luri

The highest responsibility of a society is to protect its children from harm.

The Washington State Legislature has legalized the sexualizing of children, as young as 5 years of age through the government school system. As a result, Washington's education system has become a primary source and facilitator of mental confusion and disorder in our children and, as with all government mandated thinking, goes to great lengths to protect itself from public exposure and criticism.

Parents, grandparents and guardians are learning they must stand up and speak out if they want to protect their children from the wide range of liberal woke programs at school. Much can be done at home to protect your child from their public school?

A new book, "Keeping the Kids All Right: How to Empower your Children Against the Leftist Agenda—Without Homeschooling", by Barak Lurie, is essential reading for parents and grandparents with children in a public school system.

Author, Luri, briefly explains the Progressive Left's obsession with fanciful stories of climate change and rising sea levels, normalizing and popularizing perverse sexual orientations, and most egregious contending that children are at risk from their parents and that school teachers provide a "safe space" of love and protection.

Luri teaches his children that cow flatulence (farting) has absolutely no impact on the environment, that catastrophic climate change arguments are as silly and illogical as saying humans can

change their sex. Luri makes it clear to his children that politicians, the media, and schools who teach such foolishness are promoting an agenda.

Innoculation

The author describes a four step process he has used with his own children to demonstrate the utter foolishness, and deceit behind many woke programs. Through the use of sample conversations, parents can inoculate children against sexuality training, the school's trans-track, racial agitation, and the biggest lie—that teachers love and care more for children than their parents do. In other words, some adults don't always tell the truth.

Luri says he discovered when at university, Leftist dogmas disintegrate in the face of facts, humor and especially ridicule. Lurie demonstrates how to use humor to reinforce your children's naturally logical conclusions and to use ridicule against woke teaching and silly, illogical arguments.

Keeping the Kids All Right, is must reading for parents, grandparents, serious teachers and even the odd administrator. Anyone truly concerned about public education and its devolution from academic instruction into indoctrination must read this very readable book. Talk about it with friends, and then inoculate your own children against the overt liberal woke programs of their public schooling.

"Keeping the Kids All Right", is an excellent, logical and straight forward starting place for protecting your children and is available on Amazon at \$9.99.

LEGISLATURE RADICALS SUBVERT INITIATIVE 2081

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Washingtonians were naively ecstatic when the 2024 session of the legislature, apparently bowing to the will of the people, overwhelmingly approved by a 70 vote margin in the House of Representatives, and a unanimous 40 to 0 vote in the Senate, to enshrine the Parent's Rights Initiative in State law without it having to be voted on in November. For once, the will of the people was affirmed by their elected representatives. But wait!

How Politics Works 101

Looking back, by late 2023 the radical Marxist element in the Democrat party were aware that a monumental backlash against four years of national and state voter abuse was building across the country. Recognizing the revulsion of voters against them, the best they could hope for was to try to minimize the damage. Of particular concern was the governor's contest between the most radical Attorney General the state has had in 100 years, Robert Ferguson, and a former Sheriff and member of Congress who offered a sharply contrasting ideology. What were the radical elements to do?

Political activists know that popular ballot initiatives invariably produce a larger Republican and Independent voter turnout than elections having no real issues of broad appeal. The appearance on the ballot of a highly popular Donald Trump virtually guaranteed a huge voter turnout and the last thing the Democrats needed was to have a manifestly popular initiative increasing that turnout even more. The initiative was perceived by the Left as being a toxic challenge to the LGBT grooming sex lobby and their primary sponsor, the state's public education establishment.

Aware of their political jeopardy in the upcoming elections, democrat strategists chose to bring the initiative before the 2024 legislature, by doing so they wouldn't have to present it to a vote of the people and, if passed by the legislature, it would be subject to the amendment process, which is precisely what has happened.

Crafted and sponsored by the democrats, Senate Bill SB-1296 has been introduced into the current 2025 session. If passed, the bill will gut the key provisions in Initiative 2081 that requires public schools to open records to parents.

Under a cliché-ridden guise of providing "safe, inclusive, spaces for children where everyone is heard, seen and appreciated," state educators and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, OSPI, have implemented policies and procedures specifically crafted to cut parents out of the equation. Under existing state law and school district policy, children can be referred to local medical service providers to receive birth control medications, abortions, administration of puberty blocking hormones, and even radical surgeries without parental involvement in the decision making process.

Across the state tens of thousands are becoming aware of how the political games are played in Olympia. Recognizing that a radical faction controls the public school system, regional library systems, the legislature, the supreme court, and the governor's office, organizations are popping up across the state to lay the foundations for recapturing public institutions. Leaders recognize it is a complicated and convoluted process but they are confident of eventual success. Building an informed electorate and providing courageous leadership will, they contend, allow parents and the taxpaying public to change direction for Washington. In light of the state's well entrenched, corrupting Marxist factions, they have their work cut out for them.

Exhibit 2

Exhibit 3

Glenn Dobbs

Replied *Thu, 27 Mar 2025 at 1:26 PM*)

To: Washington Public Disclosure Commission

Case Number: 166612

Dear Alice Firman:

I regret the delay in responding to your previous email. It was sent to this email address which, unbeknownst to me, was not being serviced by Comcast at that time. The email to which your March 27, went is a seldom checked address as well.

Further to your query regarding two complaints filed against the January, 2025, edition of The Wenatchee Record, I offer the following:

Both complaints generally express personal opinion regarding content. Since the January edition of The Wenatchee Record simply reported information not addressed by media sources in the community, did not advocate in favor of, or against, the subject school Levy, it does not meet the standard for political advertising.

Marilyn Crouch contends there was a violation of PDC rules, based on her disagreement with the *content* of the January edition. *Disagreement with content*, or editorial opinion, does not constitute basis for a charge of violation of PDC rules, or RCW.

Sheryl Bogart's complaint that the January edition of The Wenatchee Record arrived in the mail, looking like the local newspaper, the Wenatchee World, is without substance. Her *confusion* of The Record with The World, both of which carry on their masthead the word "Wenatchee", is unfortunate. Her objection that The Record arrived by US Postal Service is irrelevant to any discussion. Her disagreement with the substance or positions of the Record is her right, which we respect. Her contention that the January edition of The Record was a political mailer, is inaccurate as the publication did not advocate, one way or the other, regarding the upcoming Levy election. Ms. Bogart's contention regarding possible *confusion* when filling out her ballot isn't pertinent to this inquiry.

The Wenatchee Record is a community publication, published intermittently, to provide news and information to the public not generally addressed by other media outlets. Its Editors go to great lengths to ensure accuracy in reporting and is stated forthrightly. As with all such publications, there will be disagreements between elements in the community, which we welcome as stimulative and incentive for further public discourse on the issues.

I trust this answers your questions and addresses the allegations by Ms's Crouch and Bogart. If you have further questions need for information, please let me know at this email:
<gdobbs01@comcast.net>

Kind regards,

Glenn Dobbs

Editor, The Wenatchee Record

Glenn Dobbs

Replied *Wed, 9 Apr 2025 at 6:57 PM*)

To: "Washington Public Disclosure Commission" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Dear Alice Fiman:

Pursuant to your request, please find attached a digital copy of the January, 2025, edition of The Wenatchee Record.

Regarding dates of forthcoming editions, The Wenatchee Record is published intermittently, at irregular intervals, so the timing of future editions is impossible to predict with certainty.

I trust this answers your questions.

Kind regards,

Glenn Dobbs, Editor The Wenatchee Record

Glenn Dobbs

Replied *Tue, 12 Aug 2025 at 2:20 PM*)

To: "PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Alice Fiman,

Further to your statement that, "As we have spoken about earlier, please provide..." I cannot find in my records, nor my recollection, that we have previously spoken about providing the data you request.

Since I am traveling I don't have complete records in my possession but it appears the total cost of the first edition of The Wenatchee Record was approximately \$2,300, including printing and postage. I believe more definitive information was provided in my response to your requests made under your Case # 144377, relating to the first edition.

I have requested and am awaiting financial information from the vendor which printed and mailed the second edition. I expect to receive that information in the next couple of days.

Further to this current case, 166612, it is our position that, pursuant to the definition of a "Political Mailer" as defined in RCW 42.17A.005, the second edition of The Record, did not qualify as a political mailer produced to effect the outcome of an election.

I will appreciate an update on the status of the complaint as we anticipate producing another edition of The Record in September and will want to provide a status report to our readers.

In the meantime, I will send across the information you request on the second edition as we receive the financial information from the vendor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Glenn Dobbs Editor, The Wenatchee Record

Glenn Dobbs

Replied *Fri, 15 Aug 2025 at 10:46 AM*)

To: "PDC Support" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>

Good morning Alice,

Further to your request in the string below, the total cost of producing and mailing the January, 2025, edition of The Wenatchee Record was \$5,098. Glenn



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January 23, 2026

Alice Fiman
Compliance Manager
Public Disclosure Commission
Sent Electronically To: PDC@pdc.wa.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been retained to represent Glenn Dobbs in the complaints filed against him, see PDC Case No. 166612. Mr. Dobbs will not be signing the SOU that you have provided. Please copy me on any future correspondence relating to this case.

The Wenatchee Record publication at issue here does not fall under the PDC's regulatory purview. The small portion of the publication at issue that dealt with the levy did not specifically advocate for or against passage of a ballot measure; it contained only factual information relating to the levy. For the agency to punish a person for speaking out on an issue of local concern violates the First Amendment.

Additionally, I will point out that the agency routinely allows school districts to send out communications on levies and bonds without imposing penalties, under the guise that such communications do not constitute political advertisement.

Even if the agency erroneously concludes that the publication at issue is subject to the regulations of the FCPA, the complaint should still be dismissed pursuant to the prosecutorial discretion factors contained in WAC 390-37-061. Specifically, because of the small dollar amount at issue here, it would be a waste of resources for the agency to pursue a penalty in this matter.

Please dismiss this case immediately.

If the agency does decide to pursue a penalty in this matter, we request that it be scheduled for a full adjudicatory proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Conner Edwards
Attorney, CG Edwards PLLC
WSBA # 62961

Exhibit 4



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January 30, 2024

Delivered electronically to Glenn Dobbs at "info@glenndobbs.com"

Subject: Complaints filed by Xaxira Velasco Ponce de Leon & Spencer Ercanbrack, PDC Case 144377

Dear Glenn Dobbs:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Xaxira Velasco Ponce de Leon & Spencer Ercanbrack concerning two complaints filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

As noted in the letter to Xaxira Velasco Ponce de Leon & Spencer Ercanbrack, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not conduct a more formal investigation into these allegations or take further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the filing requirements noted in the enclosed letter sent to the Complainants. Staff expects you to timely report Independent Expenditures for political advertising and include required sponsor identification on political advertising. The Commission will consider this formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed

Jennifer Hansen
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

Electronically signed

Peter Frey Lavallee
Executive Director



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January 30, 2024

Delivered electronically to Xaxira Velasco Ponce de Leon & Spencer Ercanbrack, at
“xaxiravpdl@outlook.com” & “spenbrack@gmail.com”

Subject: Complaints regarding Glenn Dobbs (Wenatchee Values Alliance), PDC Case 144377

Dear Xaxira Velasco Ponce de Leon & Spencer Ercanbrack:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaints you filed on October 23, 2023, and November 6, 2023. The complaints alleged that Glenn Dobbs (Wenatchee Values Alliance) may have violated: (1) RCW 42.17A.255 for failure to include detailed descriptions for an Independent Expenditure (IE) mailing; and (2) RCW 42.17A.320 for failure to include the required sponsor identification on political advertisement, both done in support of Tricia Cleek and Randy Smith, 2023 candidates for Wenatchee School District 246 School Director

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; the response provided by the Respondent; the applicable PDC reports filed by the Respondent; queried the Respondent’s data in the PDC contribution and expenditure database; and other relevant information, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

Based on staff’s review, we found the following:

- RCW 42.17A.255 requires that a person who makes an independent expenditure in support of or in opposition to any candidate or ballot proposition files a report with the commission within five days after the date of making an independent expenditure.
- RCW 42.17A.320 requires that all written political advertising, whether related to candidates or ballot propositions, include the sponsor’s name and address.
- The October 23, 2023, complaint included a color flyer from “Wenatchee Values Alliance” endorsing 2023 candidates Tricia Cleek and Randy Smith, and alleged that the flyer failed to clearly include who actually sponsored the advertisement and that the entity “Wenatchee Values Alliance” was not listed as an in-kind donor to either candidate nor had it filed any campaign reports disclosing advertising expenditures.
- The November 6, 2023, complaint included links to online articles showing, among other things, a copy of a newspaper-style advertisement from “The Wenatchee Record” and alleged that it was political advertisement but had failed to include sponsor identification.
- In response to the complaints, Glenn Dobbs first confirmed that he was responsible for the Wenatchee Values Alliance and The Wenatchee Record advertisements and that he had use personal funds for both. Upon confirmation that Mr. Dobbs was responsible for the expenditures, PDC Staff added his name as the Respondent for PDC Case #144377.

- To help mitigate his delinquent filing, Mr. Dobbs submitted Independent Expenditure reports (C-6 reports) on November 2, and 9, 2023, disclosing the cost, attribution to each candidate and detailed information regarding vendors used. The C-6 reports submitted on November 2, 2023, showed two expenditures totaling \$2,279 attributed to Cleek and Smith. The C-6 reports identified expenditures made to Wenatchee World Publishing for printing and postage. The C-6 reports were amended on November 9, 2023, to correct the vendor information and to provide a more detailed description of the expenditures.
- Two original C-6 reports were submitted on November 9, 2023, disclosing \$244 attributed to Cleek and Smith for the color flyer created, printed and mailed by the Respondent using personal funds and resources.
- Staff found that both political advertisements were disclosed late but found no evidence that the Respondent collaborated, coordinated or otherwise communicated with the Cleek or Smith campaigns that would require the activity to be reported as in-kind contributions to the candidates.
- The signs and flyers bought and distributed by Mr. Dobbs lacked the necessary sponsor identification information required by statute. In addition, the Respondent spent over one hundred dollars in the aggregate to produce and distribute the political advertising materials, and he was therefore required to include sponsor identification.

While our investigation found that Mr. Dobbs was the sponsor of two political advertisements and failed to timely file C-6 reports and include sponsor identification information, he was inexperienced and unfamiliar with the PDC requirements pertaining to independent expenditures and sponsor identification requirements on political advertisement. Additionally, our investigation also found no prior PDC violations against Mr. Dobbs.

Based on our findings staff has determined that, in this instance, failure to include sponsor identification for Independent Expenditure advertisements and failure to timely file C-6 reports disclosing those IEs supporting the 2023 Tricia Cleek and Randy Smith campaigns, does not amount to a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), however, Glenn Dobbs will receive a formal written warning concerning failure to timely report Independent Expenditures for political advertising, including his failure to include sponsor identification requirements on political advertising supporting two 2023 candidates. The Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Based on this information, the PDC finds that no further action is warranted and has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1).

If you have questions, you may contact Jennifer Hansen at 1-360-586-4560 toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Electronically signed

Jennifer Hansen
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

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Peter Frey Lavalley
Executive Director

cc: Glenn Dobbs (Wenatchee Values Alliance)