

March 23 , 2026

Niko Battle

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Subject: Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) Notice; PDC Case Number 178136

Dear Niko Battle:

On the date below, the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) will hold a Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (Brief Enforcement Hearing) in accordance with RCW 42.17A.110 and RCW 42.17A.755 to determine if you violated RCW 42.17A.235, RCW 42.17A.240, RCW 42.17A.405, WAC 390-16-043 and WAC 390-17-300 for failure to timely and accurately file contribution (C-3) and expenditure (C-4) reports, failure to provide books of account upon request and by spending general election contributions for the primary election when to doing so caused general election contributors to exceed their primary election contribution limit, and by failing to return general election contributions after being disqualified from the general election ballot, as alleged in the complaint filed in PDC Case 178136

[NOTE: On Jan. 1, 2026, RCW 42.17A will be recodified to RCW 29B](#)

Under the Brief Enforcement Hearing rules, the Presiding Officer has the authority to assess a civil penalty in accordance with [WAC 390-37-143](#), a penalty schedule adopted by the Commission ([link to penalty schedule](#)).

Your attendance at the hearing is encouraged but not required.

### **HEARING INFORMATION**

Date and time: Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.  
Place: Remotely from Olympia  
Live Audio and Online Transmission  
Presiding Officer: Public Disclosure Commission, or their designee  
Authority: RCW 42.17A and WAC 390

### **PARTICIPATING IN THE HEARING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

The Brief Enforcement Hearing will be recorded. The recording of this proceeding could be posted publicly and is subject to public records request. The Presiding Officer and PDC Staff will attend in-person or remotely via videoconferencing platform.

- **PLEASE READ the entire instructions below *prior* to the day of the hearing if you plan to participate via MS Teams.**

Please note that you may be prompted to download the MS Teams app or use a supported browser (Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome) for best performance.

Anyone wishing to participate in the hearing remotely must follow the instructions below and join the meeting on a computer or mobile app **promptly at 1:20 p.m. on April 30, 2026**. Please remain in the meeting until the Presiding Officer calls your name and case number. After your case has been heard, you may leave or stay in the meeting.

*Please note that you must stay muted at all times except while your case is being heard.*

**Join on your computer or mobile app:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2wkd9msh>

**Dial in by phone**

[+1 564-999-2000,,374964916#](tel:+15649992000374964916)

If you are unable to use Teams or experience technical difficulties, please call the PDC's main number 1-360-753-1111 to obtain information regarding alternate participation by telephone.

If you choose to participate in the hearing remotely, please be aware that you may be waiting in the queue for a unknown period of time while cases are being heard and you may have a limited amount of time to speak. If a lengthier response time is needed, please consider submitting written participation materials prior to the hearing (see below).

**INTERPRETER**

If a party or witness to this proceeding speaks limited English or is hearing-impaired, and needs an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to you. Please inform us at least five business days before the hearing or no later than **April 22, 2026**, if you require an interpreter for this proceeding and/or translation of its written materials in a language other than English. Please contact us by email at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov) or call us at (360) 753-1111 or 1-877-601-2828 to request an interpreter.

**SUBMITTING WRITTEN MATERIALS**

In advance of the Brief Enforcement Hearing, you may provide a written response describing the facts of your case for consideration by the Presiding Officer, including any circumstances or mitigating factors you would like considered. Please submit your written response so it is received by the PDC no later than **April 22, 2026**.

**SUBMITTING THE REPORT**

You are strongly encouraged to complete and submit the required missing report(s) [online](#) prior to the Brief Enforcement Hearing so IT IS/THEY ARE received by the PDC no later than **April 22, 2026**. The report(s) must be submitted electronically.

If you have any questions about the hearing process prior to the hearing date, please contact PDC Staff by email at [pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov) – and be sure to reference your case number in the subject line of the email.

Sincerely,

PDC Staff  
Compliance and Enforcement Division

Enclosures

- Brief Enforcement Hearings FAQ
- Penalty Schedule

## **BRIEF ENFORCEMENT HEARINGS – INFORMATION FOR FILERS**

**Here are the answers to some Frequently Asked Questions about these brief hearings. This FAQ is informational only and should not be considered legal advice.**

### **What is a Brief Enforcement Hearing?**

The PDC is responsible for enforcing the State’s campaign finance laws. A Brief Enforcement Hearing (also known as a “Brief Adjudicative Proceeding” under the Administrative Procedure Act) addresses compliance with campaign finance reporting requirements when evidence shows the following types of alleged violations may have occurred:

- Failure to file or timely file required reports of financial affairs, campaign contributions and/or expenditures, independent expenditures, or funds spent on lobbying;
- Improper use of public facilities or resources in election campaigns when the value of public funds expended or facilities used was minimal; and
- Infractions of political advertising laws regarding sponsor identification or political party identification.

Brief Enforcement Hearings may be scheduled on other matters as well, if the basic facts are agreed to or are not being contested, and it is anticipated that the likely penalty imposed (if a violation is found) will be \$2,000 or less. The Commission has adopted a penalty schedule for Brief Enforcement Hearings which can be found in the Washington Administrative Code [WAC 390-37-143](#).

A Presiding Officer, who is a PDC Commissioner, will conduct the hearing. PDC Staff will present the case to the Presiding Officer, and you will have an opportunity to explain the circumstances related to the alleged violations. You may do this in person, by telephone, or in writing by email or letter.

### **Who are the parties involved?**

The PDC Staff initiates and investigates possible violations and brings cases forward to the Commission or its Presiding Officer. The person who is alleged to be out of compliance with the law is referred to as the “Respondent.”

### **What do I do to prepare for the hearing?**

The brief hearings are informal in nature. You are not required to have an attorney for this hearing. Hearings take place virtually and/or in the PDC meeting room where Commission meetings are held. You need to let the staff know at least five business days before the hearing whether you will be participating online, by phone, in-person or prefer not to participate.

If you are having other people (witnesses) testify on your behalf, they must be available at the hearing, and staff needs to be informed of the number of witnesses and time needed for their testimony when you notify the staff of your participation. The scheduled hearing starting time is the start time for several matters that will be heard by the Presiding Officer, and your case may not be the first one heard. So you will need to remain available to participate until your case is called.

***Waiving your right to participate.*** If you have submitted nothing in writing prior to the hearing, have made no other arrangements, and you do not appear online, by phone, in-person, or through your legal counsel at the hearing, it will be presumed that you have decided to waive your right to participate at the hearing.

### **What happens at the hearing?**

The Presiding Officer will introduce the participants and explain the procedure for the hearing. The hearing will be recorded.

The Presiding Officer will swear-in PDC Staff for them to present information regarding the alleged violation of law. You will then have an opportunity to testify, which is your opportunity to present information. All testimony by staff, Respondents, and witnesses is given under oath but, if you attend in-person, you are seated at a regular meeting table with a microphone, not in a courtroom. The Presiding Officer may ask you some questions about the information you, PDC Staff, or witnesses have presented. If you have decided to participate in writing instead of online, by phone or in-person, your written information will be considered by the Presiding Officer as part of the hearing materials.

If at any time the Presiding Officer believes the alleged violations are serious enough to merit penalties greater than \$2,000, the Presiding Officer will adjourn the hearing and direct that the matter be scheduled for a hearing before the full Commission at a later time.

### **How is the decision made?**

After considering all the information presented at the hearing, the Presiding Officer will make a decision about the allegation(s) and any appropriate penalty amount. The decision is typically announced orally at the hearing.

The Presiding Officer will use the penalty schedule referred to above that has been adopted by the Commission in rule to determine the appropriate penalty for certain types of violations, taking into account aggravating and mitigating factors.

### **What happens after my hearing?**

A written decision, called an Initial Order, laying out the Presiding Officer's ruling, including the findings and the penalty, will be sent to you. The PDC tries to get orders issued within 10 days if possible, and not later than 30 days. If a monetary penalty is imposed in the Initial Order, the penalty must be paid within the time frame stated in the Order.

Along with your Initial Order, you will also receive information about your appeal rights, including how to request review or reconsideration by the full Commission if you disagree with the Initial Order. Follow these procedures carefully if you wish to appeal. If there is no appeal before the PDC, the Initial Order becomes a Final Order, and further appeals must be made in Superior Court.

### **What are the rules that apply to the procedures of my hearing?**

The PDC's laws and rules are available on the PDC's website at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov). The laws are in the Revised Code of Washington ([RCW Chapter 42.17A](#)). The rules are in the Washington Administrative Code ([WAC](#))

[Title 390](#). Brief Adjudicative Proceedings are described at [WAC 390-37-140](#) through [390-37-150](#) and in the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) at [RCW 34.05.482-494](#).

[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:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>1st Occasion</b>	<b>2nd Occasion</b>	<b>3rd Occasion</b>
<b>Failure to timely file an accurate and complete statement of financial affairs (F-1):</b>			
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
<b>Candidate's failure to timely file an accurate and complete registration statement (C-1)/statement of financial affairs (F-1):</b>			
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
<b>Failure to timely file an accurate and complete lobbyist monthly expense report (L-2):</b>			
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
<b>Failure to timely file an accurate and complete lobbyist employer report (L-3):</b>			
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	\$1,250	\$2,000
<b>Failure to timely file accurate and complete disclosure reports:</b>			
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



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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 <a href="#">29B.30.060</a> through <a href="#">29B.30.090</a> .	\$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.]