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February 23, 2022

Sent electronically to deseanquinn@gmail.com

Subject: Complaints filed by Glen Morgan, PDC Case 100154

Dear De'Sean Quinn:

Enclosed is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Glen Morgan concerning a complaint filed October 19, 2021 with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging violations of RCW 42.17A.710 for failure to timely and fully file financial affairs (F-1) statements for calendar years 2016 – 2018.

Pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to comply with the filing requirements noted in the enclosed letter. This formal written warning comes with staff's expectation you file complete financial affairs statements in the future as required by law.

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 Alice Fiman at (360) 586-4746, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s _____

Alice Fiman
Compliance Officer

Endorsed by,

/s _____

Peter Lavalley
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Sent electronically to glen@wethegoverned.com

Subject: De'Sean Quinn, PDC Case 100154

Dear Glen Morgan:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed October 19, 2021. Your complaint alleged De'Sean Quinn violated RCW 42.17A.710 by failing to accurately file financial affairs (F-1) statements, specifically failing to list gifts on the F-1 of reimbursed travel and other expenses for seminars and other education programs attended in the years noted in the complaint.

PDC staff reviewed the allegations; the applicable statutes, rules, and reporting requirements; and the response from De'Sean Quinn, to determine whether the record supports a finding of one or more violations.

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

- De'Sean Quinn was first elected to the Tukwila City Council in 2007, and most recently reelected to the council in the 2021 General Election.
- As noted in the complaint, Quinn traveled to conferences in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and received scholarships and reimbursement from the conference sponsor in all three years. The reimbursement and sponsorships were not reported on the financial affairs reports Quinn timely filed with the PDC for those years.
- On November 10, 2021, Quinn responded to the complaint, stating "we believed that this particular travel was exempted from disclosure because of the language on the PDC site (and subsequent training where I've participated)." Quinn highlighted the text of the PDC site which lists "Any food, travel or education fee discount made available to you or your family members was also available to other members of the broad-based group to which you or they belonged" as an one of the circumstances where an otherwise reportable food, travel or educational occasion is exempt from reporting.
- PDC staff replied to Quinn with more information on the definition of broad-based group, and Quinn then provided the PDC with F-1 supplements for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

- The supplements listed the required information to bring Quinn’s financial affairs reports into substantial compliance.
- PDC found no evidence Quinn intended to conceal the amounts and, in his response, Quinn noted he made a good-faith effort to comply with the law and made the amendments as requested quickly.

Based on these findings, staff has determined that in this instance, the failure to accurately file financial affairs statement does not amount to a finding of a violation that warrants further investigation.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), De’Sean Quinn will receive a formal written warning concerning the failure to comply with PDC requirements as noted in this letter.

The formal written warning will include staff’s expectation that De’Sean Quinn accurately file all future required financial affairs reports as required by law. 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).

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