

Respondent Names
Kate Espy
Complainant Name
Robert Parker
Complaint Description
<p>Robert Parker</p> <p>Wed, 17 May 2023 at 12:09 PM</p> <p>Ms. Espy has been a member of the South Kitsap School Board since 2021 and has failed to be transparent with the citizens and voters by filing the required F1 financial disclosure. She has currently filed for reelection in 2023.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
Lack of transparency by an elected official. Ms. Espy has been a member of the South Kitsap School Board since 2021 and has failed to be transparent with the citizens and voters. She has currently filed for reelection.
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
<p>Screen capture showing Ms. Espy currently displayed on the South Kitsap School Board website as holding off since 2021.</p> <p>No F1 filing found on PDC website</p>
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
<p>South Kitsap School District 402</p> <p>Ms. Kate Espy</p>
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.



Kate Espy

School Board

espy@skschools.org

School: 360-874-7321

Appointed to the Board of Directors in 2021, Ms. Espy has worked as an Emergency Department and Forensic Nurse for 40 years, 38 at St. Michaels Medical Center. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Ms. Espy has lived in South Kitsap for 38 years and has two adult children, both South Kitsap graduates. She currently serves as the president of the Kitsap Support Advocacy Counseling Board, is past president and current member of Port Orchard Soroptimist, past president/member/volunteer of Girls on the Run West Sound, past president of the South Colby PTO, and served on the SKSD Citizen Budget Review Committee. She also volunteers for the health department and is a member of Medical Reserve Corp with the Kitsap Emergency Management.

[Espy](#)

replied

a month ago (Thu, 1 Jun 2023 at 2:57 PM)

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

External Email

Good afternoon,

I wasn't sure where I should reply regarding this issue. I emailed the PDC on May 22nd after attempting to file my F-1 and getting a message that I was up to date since I had updated it in March. I received a reply, quickly, on May 23rd from Ashley Carlson that I was good to go. Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do.

Thanks, Kate Espy

Kate Espy

School Board Director No. 1

South Kitsap School District No. 402

Leg Rep

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July 26, 2023

Delivered electronically to Kate Espy at espy@skschools.org

Subject: Complaint filed by Robert Parker, PDC Case 137086

Dear Kate Espy:

Below is a copy of an electronic letter sent to Robert Parker concerning a complaint he filed with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) on May 17, 2023.

As noted below in the letter to Mr. Parker, the PDC has dismissed this matter in accordance with RCW 42.17A.755(1) and will not be conducting a more formal investigation into this allegation or taking further enforcement action in this matter.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), this letter serves as a formal written warning concerning your failure to file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1) by January 15, 2022, as delineated in RCW 42.17A.700(3). Staff expects you to file your F-1 report timely in the future. 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 Erick Agina at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

s/ _____
Erick O. Agina
PDC Compliance Officer

s/ _____
Peter Frey Lavalley, Executive Director



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July 26, 2023

Sent electronically to Robert Parker at recordstransferacct@gmail.com

Subject: Complaint regarding Kate Espy, PDC Case 137086

Dear Mr. Parker:

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) has completed its review of the complaint you filed on May 17, 2023. Your complaint alleged that Kate Espy may have violated RCW 42.17A.700 by failing to timely file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1) after being appointed to the South Kitsap School District No. 402 in 2021.

PDC staff reviewed your allegation(s); the applicable statute(s), rule(s), and reporting requirements; and all 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:

- Kate Espy was appointed to the South Kitsap School District No. 402 on December 15, 2021, and was required to file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1) report by January 15, 2022, pursuant to RCW 42.17A.700(3).
- On March 31, 2022, Kate Espy filed a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1) report with the PDC. The F-1 report was due no later than January 15, 2022, and was filed 75 days late.

While our review found that Kate Espy failed to timely file a *Personal Statement of Financial Affairs* (F-1) report when it was due on January 15, 2022, she was a first-time appointee who was not familiar with the F-1 requirement(s) for an appointed position.

However, pursuant to WAC 390-37-060(1)(d), Kate Espy will receive a formal written warning concerning his failure to timely file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (F-1) report. The formal written warning will include staff's expectation that Kate Espy will file her F-1 Report timely in the future. Additionally, Kate Espy will be informed that the Commission will consider the formal written warning in deciding on further Commission action if there are future violations of PDC laws or rules.

Accordingly, the PDC staff 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 Erick Agina, Compliance Officer at (360) 586-2869, toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at pdc@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Endorsed by:

/s _____
Erick Agina, Compliance Officer

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Peter Frey Lavalley, Executive Director

cc: Kate Espy

