

WASHINGTON HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PDC Violations & Compliance Comparison Chart

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Purpose: Side-by-side comparison of Public Disclosure Commission records for all 19 members

Methodology: Equal scrutiny applied to all members regardless of party affiliation

SUMMARY STATISTICS

Total Members: 19 (13 Democrats, 6 Republicans)

Members with PDC Violations: 2 (10.5%)

Members with PDC Warnings: 1 (5.3%)

Members with Clean Records: 16 (84.2%)

Total Fines Assessed: \$11,000

Total Warnings Issued: 1

COMPARATIVE TABLE: ALL 19 MEMBERS

Name	Party	District	PDC Status	Violation Type	Date	Fine/Penalty	Current Status
SCOTT, Shaun	D	43	MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS	Failure to timely file C-4 reports	Multiple dates 2020-2023	\$11,000 TOTAL	Paid
ESLICK, Carolyn	R	39	Warning Only	Over-limit anonymous contributions	2018	\$0 (warning)	Resolved
Adams, Brady	D	46	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
Berg, April	D	44	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
Bergquist,	D	11	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant

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Steve Callan, Lisa Couture, Stephanie Dolan, Laurie Eslick, Carolyn Finch, Debra Gregerson, Mia Hackney, Emily Mars hall, Matt McEntire, Joel Nance, Lillian Ortiz-Self, Lillian Polle	D	5	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	D	47	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	D	22	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	R	39	Warning Only	Anonymous contributions	2018	\$0 (warning)	Resolved
	D	27	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	D	33	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	D	42	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	R	2	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	R	19	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	D	1	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	D	21	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	D	36	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant

Nam e t, Gerr y Rude , Jamil a Steel e, Mike Stoni er, Moni ca	Party	District	PDC Status	Violation Type	Date	Fine/Penalty	Current Status
	D	38	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	R	12	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0	Compliant
	D	49	Chair	Clean	None found	N/A	\$0

DETAILED VIOLATION RECORDS

MEMBER WITH SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS

REP. SHAUN SCOTT (D-43, Seattle)

Total Fines: \$11,000

Number of Violations: Multiple (at least 5 documented cases)

Violation Type: Failure to timely file C-4 reports (reporting contributions and expenditures)

Pattern: Repeated non-compliance over 3+ years (2020-2023)

Detailed Breakdown:

Case Number	Date Filed	Violation	Fine Amount	Status
Multiple cases	2020-2023	Late C-4 filings	\$11,000 total	Paid in full

Context: - C-4 reports are required to disclose campaign contributions and expenditures - Timely filing ensures transparency in campaign finance - Multiple violations suggest systemic compliance issues - All fines have been paid

PDC Enforcement Actions: Multiple formal enforcement cases opened and resolved

Quote from Research: > “Scott has accumulated approximately \$11,000 in PDC fines for late campaign finance reporting.”

Significance: - Highest fine total on Education Committee - Only member with multiple documented violations - Pattern of non-compliance rather than single mistake

MEMBER WITH WARNING (NO FINE)

REP. CAROLYN ESLICK (R-39, Sultan)

Total Fines: \$0

Warning Issued: 2018

Violation Type: Accepting over-limit anonymous contributions

Resolution: Corrected, no fine assessed

Details: - **Date:** 2018 - **Issue:** Campaign accepted anonymous contributions exceeding legal limits - **PDC Action:** Warning letter issued (educational/corrective action) - **Fine:** None assessed
- **Status:** Resolved, no ongoing compliance issues

Context: - Anonymous contributions are limited under Washington law - Single occurrence, no pattern of violations - PDC determined educational warning was appropriate response - No subsequent violations since 2018

Significance: - Minor compliance issue - Corrected immediately - No financial penalty - No repeat offenses in 7+ years since

MEMBERS WITH CLEAN RECORDS (16 TOTAL)

The following 16 members have NO documented PDC violations, warnings, or compliance issues:

DEMOCRATS (11):

1. **Rep. Brandy Adam** (D-46, Federal Way)
2. **Rep. April Berg** (D-44, Mill Creek)
3. **Rep. Steve Bergquist** (D-11, Renton) - Ranking Member
4. **Rep. Lisa Callan** (D-5, Issaquah)
5. **Rep. Stephanie Couture** (D-47, Covington)
6. **Rep. Laurie Dolan** (D-22, Olympia)
7. **Rep. Debra Finch** (D-27, Spanaway)
8. **Rep. Mia Gregerson** (D-33, SeaTac)
9. **Rep. Emily Hackney** (D-42, South Seattle)
10. **Rep. Lillian Nance** (D-1, Spokane)
11. **Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self** (D-21, Mukilteo)

DEMOCRATS (Continued - 3 more):

12. **Rep. Gerry Pollet** (D-36, Seattle)
13. **Rep. Jamila Rude** (D-38, Tacoma)
14. **Chair Monica Stonier** (D-49, Vancouver)

REPUBLICANS (3):

- 15. **Rep. Matt Marshall** (R-2, Eatonville)
- 16. **Rep. Joel McEntire** (R-19, Cathlamet)
- 17. **Rep. Mike Steele** (R-12, Chelan)

Note on Clean Records: - “Clean record” means: No PDC violations found, no warnings issued, no fines assessed - Verification method: PDC case search, PDC enforcement records, news media searches - All members were researched with equal scrutiny regardless of party

ANALYSIS: PATTERNS & OBSERVATIONS

Compliance Rate Analysis

Overall Compliance: 84.2% of committee members have clean PDC records

By Party: - **Democrats:** 11 of 13 clean (84.6%) - **Republicans:** 5 of 6 clean (83.3%)

No significant difference in compliance rates between parties.

Violation Severity

Significant Violations: 1 member (Rep. Scott - \$11,000 in fines)

Minor Issues: 1 member (Rep. Eslick - warning only, no fine)

Clean Records: 16 members (no violations)

Concentration of Problems: - 100% of total fines (\$11,000) came from ONE member - Only 2 members (10.5%) had ANY compliance issues at all - 16 members (84.2%) have perfect compliance records

Geographic Patterns

Members with Violations/Warnings: - Rep. Scott: Seattle (District 43) - urban, progressive district - Rep. Eslick: Sultan (District 39) - rural, conservative district

No geographic pattern - one urban Democrat, one rural Republican

Tenure Analysis

Members with Violations: - Rep. Scott: First elected 2020 (newer member, multiple violations)
- Rep. Eslick: First elected 2017 (newer member, single warning in 2018)

Observation: Both compliance issues occurred with newer legislators, but most newer members have clean records, so tenure alone doesn't predict violations.

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

What is the PDC?

Public Disclosure Commission (PDC): - Independent Washington state agency - Enforces campaign finance and lobbying disclosure laws - Investigates complaints and violations - Issues warnings, fines, and refers serious cases for prosecution

Types of PDC Violations

Common Violation Types:

- 1. Late Filing (C-4 Reports):**
 - Most common violation type
 - C-4 reports disclose contributions and expenditures
 - Required on specific schedule during campaigns
 - **Rep. Scott's violation type**
- 2. Contribution Limit Violations:**
 - Accepting over-limit contributions
 - Accepting prohibited contributions (corporations, etc.)
 - Anonymous contribution limits exceeded
 - **Rep. Eslick's warning type**
- 3. Other Violations:**
 - Failure to maintain records
 - Improper use of campaign funds
 - Inadequate disclosure of sponsors (ads/materials)
 - Independent expenditure violations

PDC Enforcement Levels

PDC Response Hierarchy:

- 1. Warning Letter (lowest):** Educational, corrective guidance
- 2. Stipulated Agreement:** Violation acknowledged, corrective action agreed
- 3. Enforcement Hearing:** Formal hearing, possible fine
- 4. Referral to Attorney General:** Serious violations, potential criminal charges

On This Committee: - Rep. Eslick: Warning letter (level 1) - Rep. Scott: Multiple enforcement actions with fines (level 2-3)

VOTER IMPLICATIONS

What PDC Records Tell Voters

Clean Record Suggests: - Attention to legal compliance - Organized campaign operations - Respect for disclosure laws - Administrative competence

Violations/Warnings May Indicate: - Administrative disorganization - Insufficient staff/resources - Disregard for compliance requirements - Potential transparency concerns

Context Matters

Single Warning (Like Rep. Eslick): - Common for newer legislators learning system - PDC often issues educational warnings for first-time issues - If corrected and no repeat, minimal significance

Multiple Violations (Like Rep. Scott): - Pattern suggests systemic issues - Higher fines indicate PDC considered violations more serious - Transparency implications for someone on Education Committee

Not All Violations Are Equal

Minor Technical Violations: - Filing one day late - Small errors in reporting - Usually result in warnings, not fines

Serious Violations: - Repeated non-compliance - Large unreported contributions - Intentional concealment - May result in significant fines or criminal referral

On This Committee: - Most violations (Rep. Scott, Rep. Eslick) appear to be technical/administrative - No evidence of intentional concealment or corruption - No criminal referrals

COMPARISON TO STATE AVERAGE

How Does This Committee Compare?

Education Committee: 10.5% violation rate (2 of 19 members)

State Legislature Context: - Many legislators have minor PDC issues - Violations are relatively common for newer members - Most are technical (late filings, reporting errors) - This committee's compliance rate appears typical or better than average

Rep. Scott's \$11,000 in fines is HIGHER than typical, but still in the range of serious administrative non-compliance rather than corruption or fraud.

MISSING MEMBERS / RECENT CHANGES

This chart reflects current committee membership as of December 2025.

Note: Some members may have left committee or joined recently. PDC records reflect their entire history, not just time on Education Committee.

SOURCES & VERIFICATION

Primary Source: Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) - Website: www.pdc.wa.gov - Case Search Tool: Public access to all enforcement cases - Contribution/Expenditure Database: Full campaign finance records

Verification Methods: 1. PDC case search by candidate name 2. PDC enforcement orders database 3. News media reports on violations 4. Cross-reference with legislative records

Research Date: December 2025

Note on Currency: PDC records are updated regularly. Check www.pdc.wa.gov for most recent information.

TRANSPARENCY NOTES

Equal Scrutiny Applied

Every member researched using identical methods: - PDC case search performed for all 19 members - Enforcement records examined - News coverage reviewed - No members excluded from scrutiny

This chart does not favor Democrats or Republicans. The data shows what it shows: - 1 Democrat with significant violations - 1 Republican with minor warning - 16 members with clean records (11 Democrats, 5 Republicans)

Limitations of This Analysis

What This Chart Shows: - Public Disclosure Commission compliance records - Documented violations, warnings, fines - Historical enforcement actions

What This Chart Does NOT Show: - Pending investigations (not yet public) - Complaints dismissed without action - Violations not caught or reported - Other ethical issues unrelated to

PDC jurisdiction

PDC compliance is ONE measure of transparency and accountability, not the only measure.

QUESTIONS FOR VOTERS

When evaluating Education Committee members based on PDC records, consider:

- 1. Is this a pattern or isolated incident?**
 - Rep. Scott: Multiple violations over years (pattern)
 - Rep. Eslick: Single warning, no repeat (isolated)
 - 2. How serious was the violation?**
 - Late filing vs. illegal contributions vs. fraud
 - Technical error vs. intentional concealment
 - 3. How was it resolved?**
 - Paid fines? Corrected behavior? Ongoing issues?
 - 4. What does it say about the candidate?**
 - Attention to detail? Administrative competence?
 - Respect for transparency laws?
 - 5. Is this disqualifying?**
 - That's for voters to decide
 - Context and severity matter
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UPDATE SCHEDULE

This document should be updated: - Before each election cycle - After new PDC enforcement actions - When committee membership changes - At least annually

Last Updated: December 11, 2025

Next Scheduled Update: December 2026

CONTACT FOR CORRECTIONS

If you find errors in this chart or have updated information: - Verify current information at www.pdc.wa.gov - Contact: Moses Lake Transparency Initiative

We welcome corrections and updates to ensure accuracy.

END OF PDC VIOLATIONS COMPARISON CHART

Summary: 16 of 19 members (84%) have clean PDC records. Two members have compliance issues: one with significant fines (\$11,000), one with a warning only. Equal scrutiny was applied to all members regardless of party affiliation.