

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING Whether there has been a violation of the Securities Act of Washington by:

DFI No.: S-20-2837-22-FO01 OAH No.: 03-2022-DFI-00138

Mobile Workforce, Inc.; David Weir, FINAL ORDER

Respondents.

THIS MATTER has come before the Director ("Director") of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions ("Department") for entry of the Director's Final Order pursuant to RCW 34.05.464.

1.0 PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On April 2, 2021, the Director, through Securities Administrator, William M. Beatty, entered a Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to Issue Order to Cease and Desist, to Impose Fines and to Charge Costs, S-20-2837-21-SC01, ("Statement of Charges") against Respondents Mobile Workforce, Inc. and David Weir ("Respondents"). On April 28, 2021, Respondents each submitted an Application for Adjudicative Hearing. On March 25, 2022, the Department made a request to the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") to assign an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") to schedule and conduct a hearing on the Statement of Charges.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, OAH issued a Notice of Prehearing Conference from ALJ Terry Schuh. The Notice of Prehearing Conference contained the following language: **"You must call in to the conference. If you fail to call in, the administrative law judge may hold you in default and dismiss your appeal. RCW 34.05.440(2)."** On Friday, April 22, 2022, the Department's representative, Assistant Attorney General Julia Eisentrout, attended the prehearing conference by telephone, but Respondents, or anyone on their behalf, failed to appear or otherwise contact OAH. On Tuesday, April 26, 2022, ALJ Terry Schuh issued an Order of Default against Respondents and dismissed their appeals.

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Pursuant to RCW 34.05.464 and WAC 10-08-211, Respondent Mobile Workforce, Inc. and Respondent David Weir had twenty (20) days from the date of service of the Order of Default to file a Petition for Review. Respondent Mobile Workforce, Inc. and Respondent David Weir did not file a Petition for Review during the statutory period. 2.0

RECORD ON REVIEW

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The record presented to the Director for his review and for entry of a Final Decision & Order included the following:

2.1Request to OAH for Assignment of Administrative Law Judge;

2.2 Statement of Charges;

- 2.3 DFI Notice of Appearance;
- 2.4Applications for Adjudicative Hearing for Respondents;
- 2.5 Notice of Prehearing Conference, dated Tuesday April 12, 2022, with certificate of service;
- 2.6 Recording of the prehearing conference; and
- 2.7Order of Default, dated Tuesday, April 26, 2022, with certificate of service.
- 3.0 FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.461, the Director hereby adopts the Statement of Charges, which is attached hereto.

4.0 FINAL DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, and the Director having considered the record and being otherwise fully advised, NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

4.1 Respondents Mobile Workforce, Inc. and David Weir shall each cease and desist from any further violations of RCW 21.20.010.

4.2 Respondent Mobile Workforce, Inc. shall be liable for and shall pay a fine of \$10,000.

4.3 Respondent David Weir shall be liable for and shall pay a fine of \$10,000.

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4.4 Respondents Mobile Workforce, Inc. and David Weir shall be jointly and severally liable for and shall pay costs of \$5,000 for the investigation of their violations of the Securities Act of Washington, chapter 21.20. RCW.

5.0 <u>RECONSIDERATION</u>

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470, the Respondent has the right to file a Petition for Reconsideration stating the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The Petition must be filed in the Office of the Director of the Department of Financial Institutions by courier at 150 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501, or by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, Washington 98504-1200, within ten (10) days of service of the Final Order upon Respondents. The Petition for Reconsideration shall not stay the effectiveness of this order nor is a Petition for Reconsideration a prerequisite for seeking judicial review in this matter.

A timely Petition for Reconsideration is deemed denied if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the agency does not (a) dispose of the petition or (b) serve the parties with a written notice specifying the date by which it will act on a petition.

6.0 STAY OF ORDER

The Director has determined not to consider a Petition to Stay the effectiveness of this order. Any such requests should be made in connection with a Petition for Judicial Review made under chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 34.05.550.

7.0 JUDICIAL REVIEW

Respondents have the right to petition the superior court for judicial review of this agency action under the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. For the requirements for filing a Petition for Judicial Review, see RCW 34.050.510 and sections following.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER

If Respondents do not comply with the terms of this order, the Department may seek its enforcement by the Office of Attorney General to include the collection of fines and fees imposed herein. Failure to comply with this

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Final Decision & Order may also prompt additional actions against Respondents by the Department as permitted by
the Securities Act of Washington, Chapter 21.20 RCW, for failure to comply with a lawful order of the Department.
9.0 <u>SERVICE</u>

For purposes of filing a Petition for Reconsideration or a Petition for Judicial Review, service is effective upon deposit of this order in the U.S. mail with a declaration of service attached hereto.

DATED this <u>24</u> day of <u>May</u> ____20<u>_22</u>.

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

CHARLES E. CLARK, Director Washington State Department of Financial Institutions

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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SECURITIES DIVISION

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, TO IMPOSE A FINE, AND TO CHARGE COSTS

Respondents.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO:

Mobile Workforce, Inc. David Weir

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Please take notice that the Securities Administrator of the state of Washington has reason to believe that Respondents Mobile Workforce, Inc. and David Weir violated the Securities Act of Washington. The Securities Administrator believes these violations justify the entry of an order against Respondent David Weir to cease and desist from such violations, to impose a fine, and to charge costs pursuant to RCW 21.20.390 and RCW 21.20.395. The Securities Administrator finds as follows:

TENTATIVE FINDINGS OF FACT

Respondents

1. Mobile Workforce, Inc. (Mobile Workforce) is a Delaware corporation formed on October 27, 2003 with its principal place of business in Port Orchard, Washington. Mobile Workforce is a medical supply chain management business. Mobile Workforce sells inventory management software and selfcontained sterilization kits to the medical industry.

2. David Weir (Weir) resides in Gig Harbor, Washington. Weir is the President and CEO of Mobile Workforce.

Nature of the Conduct

Overview

3. In 2018, Mobile Workforce and Weir raised at least \$41,000 from three investors through the sale of Mobile Workforce stock. Mobile Workforce and Weir failed to disclose material information about the investment to the investors, including two outstanding federal tax liens against Mobile Workforce and a pending civil lawsuit against Mobile Workforce and Weir.

Mobile Workforce Stock Offering

4. In or around September 2018, Mobile Workforce and Weir offered investors an opportunity to invest in Mobile Workforce stock. Weir offered one of the investors his personal stock. Weir told another investor that a prior Mobile Workforce investment round had never closed and there was some stock still available before the next investment round.

5. Mobile Workforce and Weir represented to investors that Mobile Workforce is a successful company. Mobile Workforce and Weir explained to investors that Mobile Workforce manufactures and sells sterilization kits that are designed to be used in operating rooms by medical professionals. Mobile Workforce and Weir also explained to investors that Mobile Workforce has developed software that tracks inventory for the medical industry.

6. Mobile Workforce and Weir represented to at least two investors that Mobile Workforce planned to take the company public soon. Mobile Workforce and Weir told at least two investors that they should invest in this private investment opportunity soon before Mobile Workforce goes public, which created in them a sense of urgency to purchase the stock quickly. Both of these investors understood that the value of their private stock would become more valuable once Mobile Workforce had a public offering of its stock. Mobile Workforce and Weir failed to provide at least two investors with a reasonable basis for the representation that Mobile Workforce would go public soon.

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7. Mobile Workforce and Weir did not provide any written offering materials or subscription agreements to at least one investor. Mobile Workforce and Weir failed to disclose any risks associated with an investment in Mobile Workforce stock to at least one investor.

8. In September 2018, investors purchased a total of \$41,000 worth of Mobile Workforce stock. Two of these investors were Washington State residents and invested a total of \$21,000. Mobile Workforce and Weir provided at least one investor with a Notice of Issuance of Stock Certificate. Mobile Workforce and Weir provided two investors with a subscription agreement.

9. Mobile Workforce and Weir sold stock to investors at varying prices per share. During a one week period at the end of September 2018, Mobile Workforce and Weir sold stock to one investor at approximately 35 cents per share and to the two other investors for 1 dollar per share. When offering and selling the stock, Mobile Workforce and Weir failed to disclose to at least two investors this variation in stock valuation.

10. Mobile Workforce and Weir failed to disclose to investors that the IRS had filed two outstanding federal tax liens totaling approximately \$70,000 against Mobile Workforce. Mobile Workforce and Weir failed to disclose to investors that these tax liens could adversely affect Mobile Workforce's ability to raise further investment funds in a public offering of its stock or otherwise.

11. Mobile Workforce and Weir failed to disclose to at least two investors that they were the defendants in a pending civil lawsuit. In this lawsuit, a former Mobile Workforce employee alleged that Mobile Workforce and Weir violated the Washington Law Against Discrimination (RCW 49.60 *et seq.*) and the Washington Wage Payment Act (RCW 49.48 *et seq.*). In or around November 8, 2018, Mobile Workforce and Weir settled this lawsuit with the plaintiff for \$210,000, \$30,333 of which was paid on November 8, 2018.

12. Mobile Workforce has not gone public. Mobile Workforce and Weir have not paid any return on investment to the investors.

Based upon the above Tentative Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The offer and/or sale of the Mobile Workforce stock described above constitutes the offer and/or sale of a security as defined in RCW 21.20.005(14) and (17).

2. Mobile Workforce Inc. and David Weir violated RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud section of the Securities Act of Washington, by making untrue statements of material fact or omitting to state material facts necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER THE RESPONDENT TO CEASE AND DESIST

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.390(1), and based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order Mobile Workforce Inc. and David Weir, and their agents and employees, to each permanently cease and desist from violating RCW 21.20.010.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPOSE FINES

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.395, and based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that:

> Mobile Workforce Inc. shall be liable for and shall pay a fine of \$10,000; and a.

David Weir shall be liable for and shall pay a fine of \$10,000. b.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHARGE COSTS

Pursuant to RCW 21.20.390, and based upon the Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Securities Administrator intends to order that Mobile Workforce Inc. and David Weir shall be jointly

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and severally liable for and for and shall pay the costs, fees, and other expenses incurred in the administrative investigation and hearing of this matter, in an amount not less than \$5,000.

AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges is entered pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 21.20 RCW and is subject to the provisions of Chapter 34.05 RCW. Mobile Workforce Inc. and David Weir may each make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing accompanying this Order. If a respondent does not make a hearing request in the time allowed, the Securities Administrator intends to adopt the above Tentative Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as final and to enter a permanent order to cease and desist as to that respondent, to impose any fines sought against that respondent, and to charge any costs sought against that respondent.

SIGNED and ENTERED this 2nd day of April, 2021.

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William M. Beatty Securities Administrator

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Brian J. Guerard Financial Legal Examiner Supervisor

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