



# Washington State Executive Ethics Board

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## Executive Ethics Board News

John Ladenburg Sr., Chair  
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Lisa Marsh, Member  
Anna Dudek Ross, Member  
Gerri Davis, Member

January 17, 2018

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met on Friday, January 12, 2018 for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair John Ladenburg, Vice Chair Shirley Battan, and Member Anna Ross. Others attending included: Kate Reynolds, Executive Director, Bruce Turcott, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General, David Killeen, Senior Investigator, Dan Davis, Investigator, and Ruthann Bryant, Administrative Officer. Members of the public also attended.

### Enforcement

In lieu of an enforcement hearing, the Board accepted stipulations from:

- **Daniel Bauman**, a former Department of Social and Health Services employee may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act when he had an inappropriate relationship with a client on his assigned caseload. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$5,000.
- **Forrest Rodgers**, former Executive Director for the Eastern Washington State Historical Society, Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (MAC) may have violated several chapters of the Ethics in Public Service Act in actions that he made regarding the MAC and the MAC Foundation, a non-profit organization. He also used his position to secure a performance-based bonus for himself. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$30,000.
- **Greg Faust**, Director of Operations, Washington State Ferries, may have violated several sections of the Ethics in Public Service Act by allowing his wife to use a ferry pass when she no longer had the privilege to do so and when he took time off to attend a golf tournament without submitting the proper leave and allowing his subordinates to do the same. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$6,000 with \$2,000 suspended.
- **Jeremy Eggers**, Athletic Director at Bellevue College, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act when he scheduled Bellevue College gym rentals for his private interest groups and received a special privilege in regards to these personal outside business interests. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$750.
- **Timothy Nairn**, an employee with South Puget Sound Community College, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act when he used state resources for his private benefit and gain. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,500 with \$1,250 suspended.
- **William Jackson**, a former employee with the Department of Social and Health Services may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act when he used state resources to promote his private outside business. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,500.

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Meeting agendas can be found at [www.ethics.wa.gov](http://www.ethics.wa.gov) under "Meetings."

*The next meeting of the Executive Ethics Board is scheduled for March 9, 2018.*

- The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2017-062 (Sims).
- The Board dismissed EEB Case 2017-029 (Lutz), EEB Case 2017-030 (Kiboneka), EEB Case 2017-031 (Langen), EEB Case 2017-032 (Amyakar), EEB Case 2017-033 (Murphy), EEB Case 2017-034 (Swedberg), EEB Case 2017-035 (Hilberg), EEB Case 2017-036 (Cherry), EEB Case 2017-037 (Follett), EEB Case 2017-038 (Karreci), EEB Case 2017-039 (Mena), EEB Case 2017-040 (Sum), EEB Case 2017-041 (Vargo), EEB Case 2017-042 (Calderon) and EEB Case 2017-043 (Ngo).
- The Board issued Final Orders of Default in EEB Case 2016-037 (Torres) and EEB Case 2017-022 (Goodman).
- The Board reviewed four Executive Director's Dismissals: 2017-051 (White), EEB Case 2017-055 (Johnston), EEB Case 2017-061 (Brownstein) and EEB Case 2017-063 (Beierle).

**Board Action:**

- A. The Board further discussed proposed amendments to WAC 292-110: Agency Substantive Rules and approved the filing of a supplemental CR 102. The Board also reviewed a minor amendment to WAC 292-120-035 Safe Harbor Provision and approved the filing of a CR-105.
- B. The Board reviewed and approved revisions to **Advisory Opinion 02-05** Use of State Facilities to Gamble.
- C. The Board reviewed and approved the following policies:
  - Use of the Internet, Intranet and Email – Public Disclosure Commission
  - Raffle – Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Use of State Resources – Department of Veterans Affairs

Approved versions of policies will be uploaded to the Board's website at [www.ethics.wa.gov](http://www.ethics.wa.gov).