

Executive Ethics Board News

Shirley Battan, Chair
Gerri Davis, Vice Chair
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Earl Key, Member

January 18, 2022

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met virtually on Friday, January 14, 2022 for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair Shirley Battan, Vice Chair Gerri Davis and Member Jan Jutte. Member Earl Key was absent. Others attending included: Kate Reynolds, Executive Director, Leo Roinila, Assistant Attorney General, Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General, Ruthann Bryant, Administrative Officer, and Bobby Frye, Investigator. Members of the public also attended.

Enforcement

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

- **Shari Clarke**, Vice President for Diversity, with Eastern Washington University, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for personal benefit and gain. Evidence indicated that several documents related to an outside business were found in email history as well as documents related to an outside community organization. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$3,000 with \$1,000 suspended.
- **Julie Bonner**, Faculty Member at Central Washington University, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by requiring students to purchase a book she authored and influenced colleagues to require the textbook in their classes. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,000 with \$500 suspended.

The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2021-033 (Aw), EEB Case 2021-034 (Cayanan), EEB Case 2021-035 (Culley) and EEB Case 2021-045 (Jennings).

The Board dismissed EEB Case 2021-038 (Garcia), EEB Case 2021-046 (Hendrickson), EEB Case 2021-047 (Morrison) and EEB Case 2021-051 (Rebstock).

The Board also affirmed an Executive Director Dismissal in EEB Case 2021-016 (Johnson).

Board Action:

- A. The Board heard a Motion for Summary Judgment regarding EEB Case 2020-039 Mike Andrew.
- B. The Board continued their scheduled review of advisory opinions (AO). The Board staff is facilitating this review by grouping like subjects together, so that the Board reviews all of the

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opinions on that subject at the same time, and completing a pre-review to provide the Board with context and recommendations. During their review the Board will determine if the AO should remain unchanged, be updated or archived. This round of reviews regarded post-state employment and encompassed the following AOs:

- **Advisory Opinion 97-06:** Assisting in a Transaction
- **Advisory Opinion 97-07:** Employment by a Person Who Contracted with Employee's Agency
- **Advisory Opinion 97-08:** Conflicts of Interest Regarding Post-state Employment
- **Advisory Opinion 98-02:** Transaction Involving the State
- **Advisory Opinion 00-01:** Stock Options and Post-state Employment
- **Advisory Opinion 00-02:** Working on Programs Funded by a Grant the Employee Administers
- **Advisory Opinion 00-07:** Post-state Employment
- **Advisory Opinion 00-13:** Post-state Employment
- **Advisory Opinion 01-01:** Post-state Employment
- **Advisory Opinion 01-06:** Application of Post-employment Provisions to Former Department of Ecology Employees who Worked on the Hanford Federal Facility Dangerous Waste Program Permitting Process
- **Advisory Opinion 08-03:** Post-state Employment
- **Advisory Opinion 10-04:** Former Employee Assisting on State Contract

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