

## Executive Ethics Board News

**Shirley Battan, Chair**  
**Jan Jutte, Vice Chair**  
**Gerri Davis, Member**  
**Earl Key, Member**

July 12, 2022

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met virtually on Friday, July 8, 2022 for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair Shirley Battan and Members Gerri Davis and Earl Key. Others attending included: Kate Reynolds, Executive Director, Leo Roinila, Assistant Attorney General, Julia Eisentrout, Assistant Attorney General, Ruthann Bryant, Administrative Officer, and Bobby Frye and Justin Cotte, Investigators. Members of the public also attended.

### **Enforcement**

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

- **Donald Britain**, former Case Manager at the Department of Social and Health Services, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by conducting activities incompatible with his official duties, using state resources for personal benefit and gain, and by providing a special privilege to a client. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$5,000.
- **Jaye Bahre**, former Psychology Associate Health Services at the Larch Corrections Center with the Department of Corrections, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for her outside business. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,500.

The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2022-001 (Ank), EEB Case 2022-010 (Graham), EEB Case 2022-012 (Smack), and EEB Case 2022-014 (Wolk).

The Board dismissed EEB Case 2022-008 (Guppy), EEB Case 2022-009 (Kennedy), and EEB Case 2022-013 (Frazier).

### **Board Action:**

- A. The Board voted to hold meetings remotely so long as Covid cases recorded on the Department of Health transmission dashboard are in the orange or red category in King, Pierce and Thurston Counties.
- B. The Board heard a Motion to Dismiss in EEB Case 2021-035 Mike Culley.
- C. The Board reviewed Advisory Opinion 02-02A Use of Resources Questions & Answers to incorporate guidance on union use of state agency intranet electronic bulletin boards.
- D. The Board reviewed and approved the following policies:
  - Ethics – Department of Corrections

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- Use of State Resources – Department of Corrections
- Outside Employment/Volunteer Activities – Department of Corrections

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

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