

Washington State Executive Ethics Board

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Executive Ethics Board News

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

July 20, 2018

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met on Friday, July 13, 2018 for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair John Ladenburg, Vice Chair Shirley Battan, and Members Anna Dudek Ross and Gerri Davis. Others attending included: Kate Reynolds, Executive Director, Bruce Turcott, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Chad Standifer, Assistant Attorney General, David Killeen, Senior Investigator, Bobby Frye, Investigator and Ruthann Bryant, Administrative Officer. Members of the public also attended.

Enforcement

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

- Paul Sanchez, a former Tacoma Community College Public Safety Officer, may have violated
 the Ethics in Public Service Act when he used state resources for his private benefit and gain.
 Evidence indicated that Mr. Sanchez was using his work computer to watch movies, browse the
 internet and to access a GoFundMe account to solicit funds for a career change. The Board
 levied a civil penalty of \$1,250.
- Krista Bustamante, a Department of Social and Health Services employee, may have violated several provisions of the Ethics in Public Service Act when she used her position to access a DSHS client case file for personal purposes. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,500 with \$1,250 suspended.
- Allison Criswell, Faculty member at Grays Harbor College, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act when she required her students to purchase a textbook that she co-authored with another faculty member. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$1,500 with \$1,000 suspended.
- The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2017-075 (Chandler), EEB Case 2018-014 (Nelson), EEB Case 2018-020 (Petrie) and 2018-021 (Wolfe-Lee).
- The Board found No Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2017-056 (Nelson), EEB Case 2017-065 (Scott) and EEB Case 2017-071 (Manke).
- The Board Dismissed EEB Case 2018-004 (Cannon) and EEB Case 2018-017 (Rogers).
- The Board upheld Executive Director Dismissals in EEB Case 2017-072 (Dixon), EEB Case 2017-073 (Schourey) and EEB Case 2017-074 (Croyle).

Meeting agendas can be found at www.ethics.wa.gov under "Meetings."

The next meeting of the Executive Ethics Board is scheduled for September 14, 2018.

Board Action:

- A. The Board finalized amendments to WAC 292-130: Public Records and approved the filing of a CR-102. A public hearing is scheduled for September 14, 2018.
- B. The Board reviewed and approved the following policies:
 - Complying with State Ethics Law Department of Commerce
 - Honoraria -- Ethics in Public Service Department of Transportation

Approved versions of policies will be uploaded to the Board's website at www.ethics.wa.gov.