

Executive Ethics Board News

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March 17, 2025

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met on Friday, March 14, 2025, for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair Kelli Hooke, Vice Chair Megan Abel and Members Jan Jutte, Cam Comfort and David Hankins. Others attending included: Kate Reynolds, Executive Director, Chad Standifer, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Julia Eisentrout, Assistant Attorney General, Ruthann Bryant, Administrative Officer, Justin Cotte and Swift Sanchez, Senior Digital Forensic Investigators. Members of the public also attended.

Enforcement

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

- **Fred Krepps**, Corrections and Custody Officer 3 with the Department of Corrections, agreed that they may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act. Evidence indicated that Fred Krepps used state resources to browse the internet, visiting news, shopping and vacation websites and used their state email for a personal relationship. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,500 with \$1,000 suspended.
- **Robert Whitham**, a Social Service Specialist 5 with the Department of Children, Youth & Families, agreed that they may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for personal benefit and providing special privileges for themselves and another. Evidence indicated that Robert Whitham parked their personal vehicle in a DCYF Seattle parking garage to attend a Mariner's baseball game and gave their DCYF issued keycard for building access to their daughter and allowed their daughter and a friend to stay in the building while they waited for a concert later in the evening. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,000 with \$1,000 suspended.
- **Bradley Bowman**, Associate Superintendent with the Department of Corrections, agreed that they may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using their state issued cell phone for personal use. Evidence indicated that 41 percent of all incoming and outgoing text messages over a one-year period were for personal purposes. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$1,500 with \$500 suspended.
- **Kevin Glover**, a Corrections Specialist 4 with the Department of Corrections, agreed that they may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by taking home a state vehicle on several occasions without permission. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$500 with \$250 suspended.
- **Taylor Brummett**, a former Social Service Specialist 3 with the Department of Corrections, agreed that they may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act using state resources for private benefit. Evidence indicated that Taylor Brummett used their state email to send and receive approximately 460 personal email messages over a 14-month period. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$500.
- **Bobby Humes**, Human Resources Director for the Washington State Investment Board, agreed that they may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act for their private

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The next meeting of the Executive Ethics Board is scheduled for May 9, 2025.

consulting business. Evidence indicated that Bobby Humes used their state office to record a video podcast related to their outside business. The Board levied a civil penalty in the amount of \$300 with \$150 suspended.

The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2023-082 (Zorn) and EEB Case 2023-083 (Thompson).

The Board dismissed SAO Case 2024-001 (Ferguson), EEB Case 2023-088 (Parker), EEB Case 2023-090 (Cruz) and EEB Case 2023-092 (Simshauser).

The Board issued Motions for Default in EEB Case 2023-071 (Hamilton-Manier), EEB Case 2023-078 (Bookter), EEB Case 2023-087 (English) and EEB Case 2023-091 (Islas-Sanchez).

The Board issued Final Orders of Default in EEB Case 2023-064 (Estep), EEB Case 2023-069 (Vinje) and EEB Case 2023-072 (Miller).

Board Action:

- A. The Board heard a Motion for Summary Judgment in EEB Case 2023-070 Jacob Rainey.
- B. The Board reviewed and approved the Liquor and Cannabis Board's Ethical Conduct and Outside Employment policy.

Approved versions of policies are posted on the Board's website at www.ethics.wa.gov.