

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

May 14, 2019

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met on Friday, May 10, 2019 for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair Shirley Battan, Vice Chair Gerri Davis and Member John Ladenburg. Others attending included: 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:

- Edrima Jarju, a Department of Corrections employee working at the Maple Lane Corrections Center, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act when he used state resources for both personal use and for his outside employment. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$3,500 with \$1,000 suspended.
- Norman LeBlanc, a Department of Social and Health Services employee may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for private benefit or gain and disclosed confidential information to a person not authorized to receive it. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$4,000 with \$1,000 suspended.
- Stefanie Karney, a Department of Fish and Wildlife employee may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by failing to pay for parking on capital campus for a one-year period. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$1,000 with \$500 suspended.
- The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2018-037 (Gray), EEB Case 2018-049 (Trebacz), EEB Case 2018-058 (Mass), EEB Case 2018-059 (Spatz), EEB Case 2018-060 (Johnson) and EEB Case 2018-064 (Watkins).
- The Board Dismissed EEB Case 2018-032 (Lewis), EEB Case 2018-052 (Henderson), EEB Case 2018-062 (Jakobsen), EEB Case 2018-065 (Durran), EEB Case 2019-001 (Faust) and EEB Case 2019-005 (Strange).
- The Board issued a Motion for Default in EEB Case 2018-018 (Clark).
- The Board issued a Final Order of Default in EEB Case 2018-012 (Chapman).
- The Board reviewed one Executive Director's Dismissal: EEB Case 2018-050 (Sisneros).

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

The next meeting of the Executive Ethics Board is scheduled for July 12, 2019.

• Following a request for review, the Board affirmed the Executive Director's Dismissal in EEB Case 2018-041 (Naillon).

Board Action:

The Board reviewed and approved the following policies:

- Code of Ethics Columbia Basin College
- Guidance Chart Office of the Governor
- Ethics Tacoma Community College

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

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