

Executive Ethics Board News

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

September 14, 2022

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met virtually on Friday, September 9, 2022 for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair Shirley Battan, Vice Chair Jan Jutte and Members Earl Key and Kelli Hooke. 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:

- **James Harvey**, former Social and Health Program Consultant 4 at the Department of Social and Health Services, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for personal benefit and gain. Evidence indicated that Mr. Harvey used his state email for personal use and state time to apply for hundreds of jobs, both within and outside of the state, and included an attachment to an application that included confidential information. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$3,250.
- **Leigh Bacharach**, Data Support Unit Manager with the Department of Health, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by requiring all staff to participate in team meetings where they played office Olympics and won monetary gifts. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$250.

The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2022-011 (Ice), EEB Case 2022-015 (Hansel), and EEB Case 2022-016 (Eneix).

The Board dismissed EEB Case 2022-017 (Kidd).

The Board entered a Motion for Default in EEB Case 2022-001 (Ank).

Board Action:

A. The Board heard a Motion to Dismiss in EEB Case 2021-050 Linda Bang.

B. The Board reviewed and approved the following policies:

- General Ethics for Employees and Officers – Community Colleges of Spokane
- Outside Employment – Department of Agriculture
- Ethics – Department of Health

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

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- Ethics – Military Department
- Social Media – Military Department
- Use of State Provided IT Hardware and Software Resources – Military Department
- Ethical Conduct – Pollution Liability Insurance Agency

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

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