Executive Ethics Board News

Shirley Battan, Chair Gerri Davis, Vice Chair Lisa Marsh, Member Anna Dudek Ross, Member Jan Jutte, Member

September 15, 2020

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met virtually on Friday, September 11, 2020, for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair Shirley Battan and Members Lisa Marsh, Anna Dudek Ross and Jan Jutte. Others attending included: Kate Reynolds, Executive Director, Michelle Carr, 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

The Board heard oral arguments regarding a penalty in the matter of EEB Case 2018-023 Gloria Ponce.

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

- **Glenn Jackson,** Director of High School Initiatives at Bellevue College, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources to teach extra classes during the same time he was being paid to perform his administrative duties. Evidence also indicated that he used his state computer for course work in support of his personal education. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$1,750 with \$500 suspended.
- **David Atkinson,** a former Safety and Health Specialist 3 with the Department of Labor and Industries, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for private benefit and gain and participated in activities incompatible with public duties. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$3,500.
- Danielle Palmer, a former Secretary Supervisor with Central Washington University, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for her private benefit or gain. Evidence indicated that she had been using his state computer to access various websites for online banking, bill paying and shopping for personal benefit. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,750.
- Fredricka Fisher, a Supervisor at University of Washington Medicine contact Center, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for her private benefit and gain by receiving pay for time not worked. Evidence indicated that she had made 114 entries to her time card that were not supported by badge or computer login data. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,000 with \$1,000 suspended.

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- **Falana Young,** a Supervisor at University of Washington Medicine Contact Center, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for her private benefit and gain by receiving pay for time not worked. Evidence indicated that she was paid for at least 78.5 hours of work she not perform. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,000 with \$1,000 suspended.
- Rosanne Kenedy, a former Administrative Manager with the Washington State
 University School of Music, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using
 state resources for private benefit or gain. Evidence indicated that she took
 approximately 192 hours off without submitting leave and allowed a subordinate to do
 the same. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$3,250.
- Kelly Jo Kegerreis, a former Secretary Senior with the Washington State University School of Music, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by using state resources for her private benefit and gain. Evidence indicated that she took time off without submitting leave. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,500.

The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2020-010 (Fobes), EEB Case 2020-019 (Nemati) and EEB Case 2020-025 (Braddock).

The Board found No Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2020-008 (Murphy).

The Board dismissed EEB Case 2020-027 (Whitworth).

The Board approved a Motion for Default in EEB Case 2019-032 (Wentworth).

The Board reviewed two Executive Director's Dismissals: EEB Case 2019-038 (Reed) and EEB Case 2020-031 (Seip).

Board Action:

The Board reviewed and approved the following policies:

- Employee Acceptable Use: Information Systems and Services Lower Columbia College
- Code of Ethics Lower Columbia College
- Use of State Resources Office of Administrative Hearings

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