



Washington State Executive Ethics Board

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Executive Ethics Board News

John Ladenburg Sr., Chair
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Gerri Davis, Member

March 12, 2019

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met on Friday, March 8, 2019 for their regular meeting. Board members present were Chair John Ladenburg, Vice Chair Shirley Battan, and Members Lisa Marsh, 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, and Ruthann Bryant, Administrative Officer. Members of the public also attended.

Enforcement

The Board heard oral arguments on a Motion for Summary Judgment regarding EEB Case 2017-069 Lynne Lerych. The Board granted the Motion for Summary Judgment and assessed a civil penalty of \$1,500.

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

- **Latika Chandler**, a Department of Social and Health Services employee, may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act when she used a state vehicle for personal purposes including transporting a family member. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,500 with \$1,250 suspended.
- **Scott Rudder**, a Department of Labor and Industries employee may have violated the Ethics in Public Service Act by participating in outside employment with a business he had regulatory and compliance responsibilities over. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$3,000 with \$500 suspended.
- The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2018-031 (Days), EEB Case 2018-033 (McPherson), EEB Case 2018-043 (Monteverdi) and EEB Case 2018-044 (Petrie).
- The Board found No Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2018-048 (Armbruster).
- The Board Dismissed EEB Case 2018-056 (Bush).
- The Board reviewed six Executive Director's Dismissals: EEB Case 2018-024 (Bartnicki), EEB Case 2018-039 (Duncan), EEB Case 2018-041 (Naillon), EEB Case 2018-051 (Turner), EEB Case 2018-055 (Turner) and EEB Case 2018-054 (Long).

Board Action:

1. The Board approved the filing of a Pre-Proposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) regarding WAC 292-100 Procedural Rules.

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

The next meeting of the Executive Ethics Board is scheduled for May 10, 2019.

2. The Board reviewed and approved the following policies:
 - Appropriate Use of University Resources – Eastern Washington University
 - Establishing and Maintaining Standards of Ethical Conduct – Washington State Department of Agriculture

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

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