



Washington State Executive Ethics Board

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Executive Ethics Board News

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July 8, 2011

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met on Friday, July 8, 2011. All members were present. Others attending included: Melanie de Leon, Executive Director, Ruthann Bryant, Board Secretary, Bruce Turcott, Board Counsel and Linda Dalton, Senior Assistant Attorney General. Members of the public also attended.

Enforcement

- The Board found Reasonable Cause in EEB Case 2010-072 (Nord).
- The Board found no Reasonable Cause that a violation had occurred in two cases: EEB Case 2011-003 (Van Vleet) and 2011-011 (Quan).
- The Board dismissed two cases as unfounded and/or inadvertent and minor: EEB Case 2011-010 (Gregoire et.al) and 2011-016 (Petersen).
- The Board directed Board staff to complete the investigation of EEB Case 2011-015 (Stewart).

Board Action:

A. The Board reviewed and approved with minor edits, 11 agency policies regarding ethics in general, use of electronic systems, outside employment, conflicts of interest, participation in professional organizations and societies, teleworking and relationships with vendors, clients and outside organizations. Approved versions will be uploaded to the ethics.wa.gov website.

B. The Board reviewed their 2009-2013 Strategic Plan and began discussions on how to update it in future meetings.

C. The Board reviewed the language passed by the legislature as part of the AGO budget. The language states that the Board must:

- (a) Develop a statewide plan, with performance measures, to provide overall direction and accountability in all executive branch agencies and statewide elected offices;
- (b) coordinate and work with the commission on judicial conduct and the legislative ethics board;

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The next meeting of the Executive Ethics Board is scheduled for July 8, 2011

- (c) assess and evaluate each agency's ethical culture through employee and stakeholder surveys, review Washington state quality award feedback reports, and publish an annual report on the results to the public; and
- (d) solicit outside evaluations, studies, and recommendations for improvements from academics, nonprofit organizations, the public disclosure commission, or other entities with expertise in ethics, integrity, and the public sector.

Board staff will begin planning on how to accomplish this task and report to the Board at their September meeting.

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