



# Washington State Executive Ethics Board

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## Executive Ethics Board News

**Lisa Marsh, Chair**  
**Anna Dudek Ross, Vice Chair**  
**Matthew Williams III, Member**  
**Samantha Simmons, Member**

May 10, 2013

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met on Friday, May 10, 2013. Board member Anna Dudek Ross was absent; the remaining Board members attended the meeting. Others attending included: Melanie de Leon, Executive Director, David Killeen, Investigator, Bruce Turcott, Board Counsel and Ruthann Bryant Board Secretary. Members of the public also attended.

### Enforcement

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

- **Dennis Buss**, Assistant Fire Chief, Department of Social and Health Services – Special Commitment Center, for using state resources for personal gain and for using his position to secure a special privilege. Evidence indicated that Mr. Buss used inmate labor to dismantle a private trailer located on McNeil Island, then brought his personal vehicle onto the island to remove the modified trailer using the state barge. In the course of dismantling the trailer, an inmate was seriously injured. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$9,000.
- **Lorri Gifford**, an employee of the Emergency Management Division, Military Department, for using state resources for personal gain. Records indicated that Ms. Gifford used state resources to track personal finances and visited hundreds of website that were not work related. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$3,000, suspending \$1,000.
- **Todd Fredrickson**, an employee of the Monroe Correctional Center, Department of Corrections, for using state resources to promote his political campaign for a Monroe City Council position. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$1,250, suspending \$500.
- The Board found Reasonable Cause in 12 cases: EEB Case No. 2012-034 (Mckena (Hulse)), EEB Case No. 2012-035 (Ross), EEB Case No. 2012-063 (Zhou), EEB Case No. 2012-065 (Saari), EEB Case No. 2012-066 (Rustay), EEB Case No. 2012-067 (Bealer), EEB Case No. 2012-068 (Camp), EEB Case No. 2012-069 (Kozhemyakim), EEB Case No. 2012-071 (Perkins), EEB Case No. 2012-074 (Heide), EEB Case No. 2012-076 (Olsen), EEB Case No. 2012-077 (Onkiso)
- The Board found no reasonable cause in 2012-036 (Benefiel) and 2012-059 (Mauren).

The Board heard oral argument in 2010-067 (Moller) regarding the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and signed an Order of Default in case 2012-048 (Glenn).

### Board Action:

The Board reviewed and approved the Department of Transportation's Honoraria policy.

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Meeting agendas can be found at [www.ethics.wa.gov](http://www.ethics.wa.gov) under "Meetings."

*The next meeting of the Executive Ethics Board is scheduled for July 12, 2013.*