



Washington State Executive Ethics Board

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May 11, 2012.

The Executive Ethics Board (Board) met on Friday, May 11, 2012. Two newly appointed Board members joined the meeting – Michael Bahn, replacing Martin Biegelman, and Anna Dudek Ross, replacing Nancy Biery. Others attending included: Melanie de Leon, Executive Director and David Killeen, Investigator. Members of the public also attended the meeting. The May meeting was exclusively focused on enforcement actions.

Enforcement

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

- **Artee Young**, the Executive Director of the Tacoma Campus of The Evergreen State College, for using state resources for personal gain. Evidence indicated that she used her state computer for personal reasons and her state cell phone to place and receive over 2,000 personal calls over a six month period of time. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$4,000, suspending \$1,500.
- **Sandra Ledbetter**, an employee of the University of Washington Medical Center, Health Services Center, for providing a family member with a special privilege and engaged in activities incompatible with her public duties as it related to her role in hiring and supervising her daughter. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,000, suspending \$1,000.
- **Mari Trotter**, a Financial Services Specialist for the Department of Social and Health Services, for using state resources for personal gain. Evidence indicated that she used her state computer to access internet sites and send/receive e-mails related to her outside employment as an art instructor. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$2,000, suspending \$1,000.
- **Dan Russ**, a former employee of the Military Department, used state resources for outside employment. The Board levied a civil penalty of \$3,000.
- The Board found Reasonable Cause in eight cases: 2012-004 (Barber), 2012-007 (Aparicio), 2012-008 (Ruelas), 2012-009 (Little), 2012-010 (Corral), 2012-011 (Rodriguez), 2012-012 (Ruiz) and 2012-013 Zhu.
- The Board found no Reasonable Cause that a violation had occurred in two cases: EEB Case 2011-039 (Gregoire) and 2012-022 (Veneroso).
- The Board dismissed three cases as having no jurisdiction: EEB Case 2012-019 (Cauce), 2012-20 (Young) and 2012-021 (Ackenhusen).
- The Board approved two Motions for Default in EEB Cases 2010-069 (Sweet) and 2011-034 (Mutnick)

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

The next meeting of the Executive Ethics Board is scheduled for July 13, 2012.