

## LEGISLATIVE ETHICS BOARD MINUTES

March 16, 2011

Senate Hearing Room 3 – John A. Cherberg Bldg. – 11:45 AM

Members and staff present: Neil Amondson; Tony M. Cook, Vice-chair; David R. Draper, Chair; Senator Jim Honeyford; Dr. Kristine F. Hoover; Rep. Jamie Pedersen; Kenny Pittman; Senator Debbie Regala; Tim Sekerak, House Counsel; Keith Buchholz and Mike Hoover; Senate Counsel; Mike O'Connell, Board Counsel.

The Board welcomed new member, Dr. Kristine F. Hoover

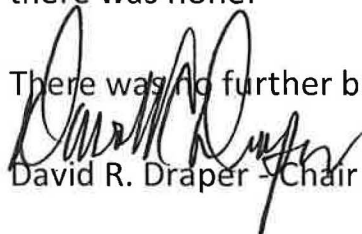
The minutes from the last meeting (December) were approved. Mr. Pittman moved that Judge Draper and Mr. Cook be reelected by the citizen members as board chair and vice-chair, respectively. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Board approved the draft 2011 Ethics Alert and directed that it be published.

Next, the Board approved a meeting schedule for the balance of 2011. The meetings, all in Olympia, are scheduled for May 18, July 14, September 14, October 13 and December 8.

Counsel informed the Board he had given informal advice that legislators could receive free copies of newspapers from Allied Daily Newspapers through the remainder of the regular legislative session. As proposed by Allied, the cost of the gift would be under \$50.

The Chair called for public comment and there was none. The public meeting was recessed at 12:20 for an executive session to discuss a pending complaint and matters preliminary to a determination of reasonable cause. The public meeting was reconvened at 1:25 PM. Chair Draper again called for public comment and there was none.

There was no further business and the Board adjourned.



David R. Draper - Chair

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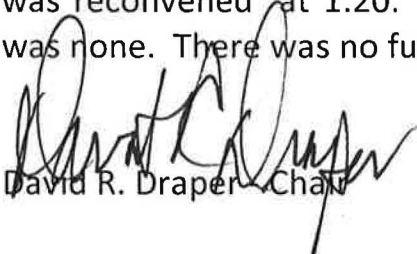
May 18, 2011

Members and staff present: Tony M. Cook, Vice-chair; David R. Draper, Chair; Senator Jim Honeyford; Dr. Kristine F. Hoover; Rep. Jamie Pedersen; Kenny Pittman; Senator Debbie Regala; Rep. J.T. Wilcox; Tim Sekerak, House Counsel; Mike O'Connell, Board Counsel.

Rep. J.T. Wilcox was welcomed as a new Board member. The Board approved the minutes from the March meeting.

Board Counsel reported that: (1) he conducted ethics training for the staff of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee; (2) he had informally advised a lobbyist that a proposed complimentary round of golf for legislators following their participation in a legislative-related event is not considered part of the legislative event and is subject to the \$50 gift analysis; (3) through April of the current biennium the Board is \$12,325 under budget and the Board's share of the Savings Incentive Account is \$52,475; (4) he and other staff continue to meet with a working group on legal defense funds – a report from the group will most likely be available before the next legislative session; (5) a reporter had requested and received copies of employment disclosure forms for legislators and staff from 2008 to the present.

Chair Draper called for public comment and there was none. The public meeting was recessed at 12:30 for an executive session to discuss pending complaints and matters preliminary to determinations of reasonable cause. The public meeting was reconvened at 1:20. The Chair again called for public comment and there was none. There was no further business and the Board adjourned.

  
David R. Draper, Chair

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July 14, 2011

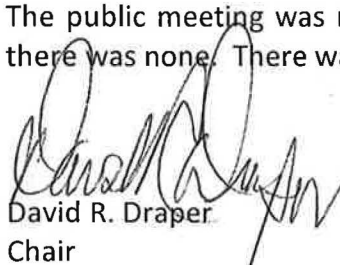
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Also in attendance was Ms. Jean Wilkinson, Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General.

The May minutes were approved as amended. The Chair called for public comment and recognized Mr. Arthur West. Chair Draper reminded the members that Mr. West and the Board were currently involved in litigation and that any comments or questions the members might have with regard to Mr. West's testimony should be confined to matters unrelated to the litigation. Mr. West offered his observations about the complaint process and suggestions on how it may be improved. In particular, he stated that he felt a complainant should be more involved in that process before the Board makes a determination on whether reasonable cause exists to continue a case or whether it should be dismissed for lack of reasonable cause. This involvement, he stated, should permit a complainant to appear before the Board during the investigatory stage and present testimony and evidence. He also stated that he felt the Board would benefit from more citizen members.

The Board thanked Mr. West for coming to the meeting and sharing his views. The Chair called for further public comment and there was none. The public meeting was recessed at 12:25 for an executive session to discuss pending litigation and matters preliminary to a determination of reasonable cause relative to Complaint 2011 – No. 2.

The public meeting was reconvened at 1:15. The Chair again called for public comment and there was none. There was no further business and the Board adjourned.



David R. Draper  
Chair

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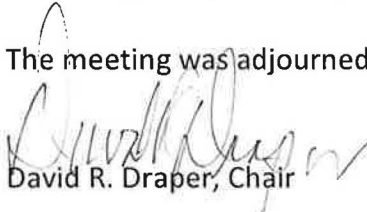
October 26, 2011

Phone Conference – 12PM

The Board held an executive session by conference call devoted solely to consideration of quasi-judicial matters prior to determination of reasonable cause in the case of Complaint 2011-No.4.

Members and staff in attendance were Chair Draper, Senator Honeyford, Representative Pedersen, Kenny Pittman, Senator Regala and Mike O'Connell, counsel.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.



David R. Draper, Chair