

Legislative Ethics Board Minutes

February 21, 2018

Present were Stephen Johnson, Chair; Eugene Green, Vice Chair, Judge Terry Lukens; Kenny Pittman; Debbie Regala; Rep. Laurie Dolan; Rep. Brandon Vick; Sen. Jamie Pedersen; Sen. Jim Honeyford; and Keith Buchholz, Board Counsel.

The board minutes for December 2017 were amended and approved. The amendment clarified that four Board members participated by phone in the December meeting. Their absence was due to a closure of Interstate 5.


The Board reviewed a conflict of interest disclosure submitted by House and Senate employees: Steven Ellis, Lucinda Duvall, Lynette Carr, Stephanie Mikesell, and Tammy Weston. Each disclosed employment entered into by a spouse, following an open and competitive process. No Board action was required.

The Board unanimously elected officers for the 2018 calendar year. Sen. Stephen Johnson was re-elected as Chair and Eugene Green re-elected as Vice-Chair.

Chair Johnson appointed three members of the Board to serve as a sub-committee to make recommendations to the Board regarding new Board staff. Those appointed were the Chair, Mr. Green, and Sen. Pedersen. Sen. Honeyford moved to confirm the appointments and the Board did so.

The Board moved into executive session for consideration of pending complaints.

Upon conclusion of the Board's consideration of pending complaints, executive session ended, and the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Stephen Johnson, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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April 26, 2018

Present were Stephen Johnson, Chair; Eugene Green, Vice Chair, Judge Terry Lukens; Kenny Pittman; Debbie Regala; Rep. Laurie Dolan; Rep. Brandon Vick; Sen. Jamie Pedersen; Sen. Jim Honeyford; and Jeannie Gorrell, Staff Counsel.

The board minutes for February 2018 were approved.

The Board reviewed a conflict of interest disclosure submitted by Victoria Cantore, a Senate employee. She disclosed employment entered into by a spouse prior to her employment at the Senate. No Board action was required.

The Board moved into executive session for consideration of pending complaints and a personnel matter.

Upon conclusion of the Board's consideration of pending complaints, executive session ended. The Board went back into public session and voted unanimously to offer the position of Board Counsel to Jennifer Strus with the understanding that if she accepted the position, she would also provide assistance to House and Senate Counsel as time permits.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Stephen Johnson, Chair  
Date: 6/27/18

# Legislative Ethics Board

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## Legislative Ethics Board Minutes

June 27, 2018

Present were: Stephen Johnson, Chair; Eugene Green, Vice-Chair; Judge Terry Lukens; Kenny Pittman; Rep. Laurie Dolan; Rep. Brandon Vick; Sen. Jamie Pedersen; Sen. Jim Honeyford; and Jennifer Strus, Board counsel.

The board minutes for the April 26, 2018 meeting were approved.

The Board reviewed a conflict of interest disclosure submitted by David Woltjer who is employed part-time at the Legislative Gift Shop. He disclosed that he is also temporarily employed at the Secretary of State's office as an elections assistant verifying signatures on petitions and coding petitions for validation. No Board action was required.

The Board moved into executive session to consider pending complaints.

Upon conclusion of the Board's consideration of pending complaints, executive session ended. The Board went back into public session and Board counsel raised the issue of archiving with the Secretary of State's office the Board's investigative files. Discussion ensued and Board counsel was instructed to look into digitizing the files rather than archiving paper files and report back to the Board what she discovered.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Stephen Johnson, Chair

Date: 10/15/18

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## Legislative Ethics Board Minutes

September 26, 2018

Present were: Stephen Johnson, Chair; Eugene Green, Vice-Chair; Judge Terry Lukens; Kenny Pittman (by phone); Rep. Laurie Dolan; Rep. Brandon Vick; Sen. Jamie Pedersen; Sen. Jim Honeyford; Debbie Regala and Jennifer Strus, Board counsel.

The board minutes for the June 26, 2018 meeting were approved.

Staff updated the Board on activities that have occurred since the last Board meeting:

- Investigative files have been archived with the Secretary of State's Office. They are confidential and can only be accessed by Board counsel or Board members.
- The LEB website has been updated to include all minutes from past LEB meetings back to 1994.
- Staff provided an ethics overview to the members of the Legislative Youth Advisory Committee.
- Staff is presenting on confidentiality issues under the Ethics Act at the Legislative Staff Academy next month.
- Staff discussed various requests for advice by legislators and staff since the last meeting.
- Staff has been asked to assist the House in ethics training.
- Staff is exploring methods by which ethics opinions can be searched.
- Name of the Respondent will be added to the webpage that lists all the complaint opinions by year.

The Board reviewed two conflict of interest disclosures submitted by Michael and Stephanie Nelson, a married couple. One is employed by the House and the other by the Senate. No Board action was required.


The Board discussed RCW 42.52.310 governing board member terms. Staff was instructed to obtain the terms of all current members and present a chart detailing this information at the next Board meeting. The Board will decide how to proceed after it has this information.

The Board approved becoming a member of the Council on Government Ethics Laws (COGEL) and approved staff to attend the 2018 conference in Philadelphia in December.

The Board moved into executive session to consider pending complaints.

Upon conclusion of the Board's consideration of pending complaints, executive session ended. The Board went back into public session and determined that its next meeting would be scheduled for December 3, 2018 from noon to 2.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Stephen Johnson, Chair  
Date: Dec. 3, 2018

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December 3, 2018

Present were: Stephen Johnson, Chair; Eugene Green, Vice-Chair; Judge Terry Lukens; Kenny Pittman; Rep. Laurie Dolan; Rep. Brandon Vick; Sen. Jamie Pedersen; Sen. Jim Honeyford; Debbie Regala; Jennifer Strus, Board counsel; and Alison Hellberg, House counsel.

The board minutes for the September 26, 2018 meeting were approved.

The Board reviewed conflict of interest disclosures submitted by three OPR staff: Beth Redfield; Jennifer Harris; and Yelena Baker. All three have spouses who are or will be employed by other state agencies. No Board action was required.


The Board renewed its discussion from the September meeting about RCW 42.52.310 governing board member terms. Staff presented a chart detailing the terms of all current members. The Board determined that even if a citizen Board member is still serving beyond his or her 5 year term, his or her successor will have a full 5 year term upon appointment.

Board staff was instructed to contact the Caucuses in each Chamber to discuss with them appointments of citizen and legislative members to the Board and report back at the next meeting.

The Board moved into executive session to consider pending complaints.

Upon conclusion of the Board's consideration of pending complaints, executive session ended. The Board went back into public session and asked that staff review the legislative cut-off calendar and pick an appropriate date in early February for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

  
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Eugene Green, Vice-Chair  
Date: 2-7-2019