

PIERCE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES of the January 11, 2023, Meeting

Online open public meeting at Wheelock Branch – Tacoma Public Library & via Zoom

Call to Order: 4:39 PM

Quorum Call

Commission Members Present:

X Rob Batey X Peter Donor X Blake Patton

X Lisa Petorak X Mike Stewart

If not present, minutes shall note any unexcused absence.

Hearing Officer Present:

X Judge Ron Culpepper

X Judge Judy Jasprica

Commission Legal Advisor present:

X Sarah Eaquinto

Approval of Agenda: The Commission approved the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission approved the amended minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting. The amendment was to correct the date of the “next scheduled meeting” to reflect the correct date of January 11, 2023, instead of the incorrect date of December 14, 2022.

Old Business:

~ Update RE: Complaint 2202-07. Hearing Officer Culpepper reports he had provided a request seeking further information to the Complainant as the complaint did not name any specific Pierce County employees or elected officials. He received no response, and thus closed the case.

~ Update RE: Complaint 2202-08. Hearing Officer Culpepper reports the investigation is ongoing and he was in contact with the Respondent. They are scheduled to discuss the complaint on Thursday, January 12.

New Business:

~ **Mail Received** - Two pieces of mail were received by Hearing Officer Culpepper. One was addressed to “Hearing Officer of the Pierce County Ethics Commission” and looks to be a signed original. The other was addressed to “Mr. Peter Donor,” member of the Ethics Committee and looks to be a copy of the original signed letter. The Chair received both letters prior to the beginning of the January 11, 2023, meeting and will review.

~ **Informal Inquiries** – None requested.

~**Advisory Opinions** - None requested.

Public Input: There were no members of the public present onsite and no members of the public were present via Zoom.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: 4:55 PM

Next Meeting: February 8, 2023 @ 4:30PM @ **Wheelock** Branch/Tacoma Library + Online Zoom Conference Call.

The public is welcome to engage the Commission for all prescribed activities via the channels described on the web page.