

**PIERCE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION**

MINUTES of the July 13, 2022 Meeting

Online open public meeting at Swasey Library & via Zoom

Call to Order: 4:32 PM

**Quorum Call**

**Commission Members Present:**

X  Lisa Petorak                       X  Mike Stewart

X  Eben Gorbaty                       X  Peter Donor

If not present, minutes shall note any unexcused absence.

**Hearing Officer Present:**

X  Judge Ron Culpepper

**Commission Legal Advisor present:**

X  Sarah Eaquinto

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The Commission approved the minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting as presented.

**Old Business:**

Report from Hearing Officer RE: Complaint 2022-02 is ongoing, pending further interviews and statements from witnesses.

~ Upcoming Commission vacancies. The County Executive's office has posted the pending vacancies and is soliciting interested community members for consideration.

~ Commission Meetings Location & Times – We will continue to offer both In-Person and Virtual options.

**New Business:** ~ Report from Hearing Officer RE: Complaint 2022-05. Judge Culpepper indicates he knows some of the parties named and indicates a need for a replacement Hearing Officer. Recruitment will be coordinated by the County Executive's office and PCEC Legal Advisor.

~ Appointment of new Legal Advisor for PCEC – Welcome Sarah Eaquinto.

~ Proposed increase of hourly compensation rate for Hearing Officer. The current rate is \$100/hour. A rate of \$125/hour was discussed without conclusion. Information regarding current compensation rates for similar positions/services to other County Commissions, Boards and Departments will be gathered for further discussion.

~ **Mail Received** - None

~ Informal Inquiries – None

~ Advisory Opinions - None

**Public Input:** None

**Executive Session:** None

Adjournment: 5:11 PM

**Next Meeting:** August 10, 2022 @ 4:30PM @ Swasey 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.