

Pierce County Ethics Commission

Minutes of the October 11, 2023, meeting

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

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Quorum Call:

X Rob Batey ___ Blake Patton (unexcused) X Lisa Petorak X Michael Stewart
 X Ursula Scott

If not present, minutes shall note any unexcused absence.

Hearing Officer Present:

___ Judge Judy Jasprica (excused)

Commission Legal Advisor present:

X Sarah Eaquinto

Approval of Agenda: The Commission approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: The Commission approved the minutes for the meeting of September 13, 2023.

Old Business: Review of required insurance coverage for the Hearing Officer was discussed, along with the potential for drafting a letter signed by the Commissioners and presented to the Risk Management Department. There remains the inability to find an insurance provider to comply with the compulsory insurance requirement clause as it pertains to the contract of the Hearing Officer. (Due to the nature of the position of the Hearing Officer, the insurance conditions had been historically waived, but will be a requirement beginning in 2024).

New Business:

A reminder was provided to the Commission that an election for the Chair position will be held in December.

Legal Advisor Sarah Eaquinto will be taking leave in December. A new advisor will attend the November meeting and the monthly meetings thereafter for the duration of Ms. Eaquinto's leave.

Mail Received: None

Informal Inquiries: None

Advisory Opinions: None

Public Input: None

Executive Session: No executive session was held.

Adjournment: 5:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 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.