

OREGON GOVERNMENT ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Chair Dan Mason called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The meeting was held by video conference in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Morrow Crane Building at 3218 Pringle Rd SE Salem, Oregon. Commission Chair Dan Mason, Commissioner Dave Fiskum, Commissioner Charles Starr, and Commissioner Sean O'Day were present. Commissioners participating by video conference were Karly Edwards, Amber Hollister, and Shawn Lindsay. OGE Council Josh Nasbe joined by video conference. Staff present were Executive Director Ron Bersin, Compliance and Education Coordinator Diane Gould, Investigator Susan Myers, Investigator Lisa Christon, Program Analyst Becky Maison, and Trainer Monica Walker.

AGENDA ITEM 1, Comments from the Chair. No comments.

AGENDA ITEM 2, Approval of minutes of the April 30, 2021, Commission meeting. The minutes were approved without correction.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Fiskum moved for the approval of Consent Calendar items 4 - 57 and the recommendation on each as follows:

Lobbyist Penalty Correspondence

None.

Lobbyist Client Penalty Correspondence

AGENDA ITEM 4, KDA Homes, Q1 2021, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 5, Blue Mountain Translator District, Q1 2021, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 6, Northwest Automatic Vending Assoc., Q1 2021, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 7, Mazamas, Q1 2021, Letter of Education.

SEI Penalty Correspondence

AGENDA ITEM 8, Sidonie Winfield, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

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AGENDA ITEM 9, Henry Wolthuis, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 10, Bruce Wilson, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 11, Hank Eckardt, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 12, Sayer Jones, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 13, James Kay, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 14, Randy Shaw, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 15, Sharon Capri, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 16, Jason Lyman, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 17, Brenda Johnson, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 18, Milicent Simpson, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 19, Sabrina Parsons, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 20, Brent Bybee, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 21, Marisa Jacobs, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 22, Caryn Appler, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 23, Kyle Blain, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 24, Scott Fein, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 25, Charles Maughan, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 26, Bob Stewart, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 27, Lou Lyon, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 28, Carrie Murphy, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 29, Laura Trethewey, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 30, Brett Katlong, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

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AGENDA ITEM 31, Steve Sugg, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 32, Terry Clarke, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 33, Kathleen George, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 34, Dave Benson, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 35, Brian Randall, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 36, Jim Knight, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 37, Matthew Kenny, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 38, Kathy Wai, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 39, Brian Schumacher, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 40, Richard Hartwig, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 41, Joe Villagrana, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 42, Timothy Young, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 43, Rex Stevens, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 44, Stuart Warren, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 45, Wayde Johnson, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 46, Bradley Lorang, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 47, Clint Scherf, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 48, Francis McHenry, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 49, Rex Stevens, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 50, Jim Young, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 51, Kari Hamrell, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

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AGENDA ITEM 52, Susan Ziglinski, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 53, Tim Counihan, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 54, Benjamin Holderman, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 55, Shannon Kilfoil, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 56, Dennis Mooney, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

AGENDA ITEM 57, Seth Crawford, 2021 SEI, Letter of Education.

Group voice vote was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 6 – 0.

End of Consent Calendar

STIPULATED FINAL ORDERS

(File 1)

AGENDA ITEM 61, 21-025XSM, Rick Stokoe, Board of Commissioners, Port of Morrow. Myers summarized the case. Stokoe addressed the Commission via video conference. The Commission discussed the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission accept the proposed Stipulated Final Order as the final order in this matter and that the chairperson be authorized to sign it as such. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, abstained; Mason, aye. Motion passed 6 – 0 with 1 abstention due to late arrival.

AGENDA ITEM 62, 21-026XSM, Joe Taylor, Board of Commissioners, Port of Morrow. Myers summarized the case. Taylor did not address the Commission. The Commission discussed the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission accept the proposed Stipulated Final Order as the final order in this matter and that the chairperson be authorized to sign it as such. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 63, 21-027XSM, Jerry Healy, Board of Commissioners, Port of Morrow. Myers summarized the case. Healy did not address the Commission. The Commission discussed the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission accept the proposed Stipulated Final Order as the final order in this matter and that the chairperson be authorized to sign it as such. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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AGENDA ITEM 64, 21-028XSM, Marv Padberg, Board of Commissioners, Port of Morrow. Myers summarized the case. Padberg did not address the Commission. The Commission discussed the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission accept the proposed Stipulated Final Order as the final order in this matter and that the chairperson be authorized to sign it as such. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 65, 21-029XSM, John Murray, Board of Commissioners, Port of Morrow. Myers summarized the case. Murray did not address the Commission. The Commission discussed the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission accept the proposed Stipulated Final Order as the final order in this matter and that the chairperson be authorized to sign it as such. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The Commission convened into executive session at 9:14 a.m. to consider Preliminary Reviews reviews pursuant to ORS 244.260(4)(d) and ORS 192.685(1).

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONSENT CALENDAR

Reports of Preliminary Review

(All items removed from consent calendar for discussion.)

End of Executive Session Consent Calendar.

OTHER ITEMS

Reports of Preliminary Reviews (removed from consent calendar)

(File 2)

AGENDA ITEM 80, 21-052XSM, Kathleen Chinn, Board Member, Oregon State Board of Nursing. Myers summarized the case. Chinn did not address the Commission. The Commission discussed the matter. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Kathleen Chinn may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 78, 21-050XSM, Sheryl Oakes Caddy, Board Member, Oregon State Board of Nursing. Myers summarized the case. Caddy did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for

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believing that Sheryl Oakes Caddy may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 79, 21-051XSM, Michelle Chau, Board Member, Oregon State Board of Nursing. Myers summarized the case. Chau did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Michelle Chau may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 81, 21-053XSM, Annette Cole, Board Member, Oregon State Board of Nursing. Myers summarized the case. Cole did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Annette Cole may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 82, 21-054XSM, Adrienne Enghouse, Board Member, Oregon State Board of Nursing. Myers summarized the case. Enghouse did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Adrienne Enghouse may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 83, 21-055XSM, Aaron Green, Board Member, Oregon State Board of Nursing. Myers summarized the case. Green did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Aaron Green may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 84, 21-056XSM, Barbara Turnipseed, Board Member, Oregon State Board of Nursing. Myers summarized the case. Turnipseed did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Barbara Turnipseed may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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AGENDA ITEM 85, 21-057XSM, Judith Woodruff, Board Member, Oregon State Board of Nursing. Myers summarized the case. Woodruff did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Judith Woodruff may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 86, 21-058XSM, Michael Wynter-Lightfoot, Board Member, Oregon State Board of Nursing. Myers summarized the case. Wynter-Lightfoot did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Michael Wynter-Lightfoot may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 87, 21-068ELC, Karen La Bonte, Public Works Director, City of Cannon Beach. Christon summarized the case. La Bonte and Attorney Mark Wolf addressed the Commission video conference. The Commission and staff discussed the case. Starr moved that the Commission find that the complaint and information before the Commission do not indicate a violation of ORS Chapter 244 or warrant further review and that this complaint be dismissed. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, nay; Mason, aye. Motion passed 6 – 1.

A member of the media joined the meeting virtually at 10 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 88, 21-074ELC, Stacey Bartholomew, City Councilor, City of Albany. Christon summarized the case. Bartholomew did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that the complaint and information before the Commission do not indicate a violation of ORS Chapter 244 or warrant further review and that this complaint be dismissed. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 - 0.

AGENDA ITEM 94, 21-081ESM, Stephen Topaz, City Councilor, City of St. Helens. Myers summarized the case. Topaz and Attorney Nicholas Herman addressed the Commission via video conference. The Commission and staff discussed the case. Lindsay moved that the Commission find that the complaint and information before the Commission do not indicate a violation of ORS Chapter 244 or warrant further review and that this complaint be dismissed. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, nay; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, nay; Mason, aye. Motion passed 5– 2.

Commission recessed executive session from 10:36 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.

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AGENDA ITEM 89, 21-075XLC, John Weddle, Chair

AGENDA ITEM 90, 21-076XLC, Susan Hardy

AGENDA ITEM 91, 21-077XLC, Tami Edmunds

AGENDA ITEM 92, 21-078XLC, Kevin Martin

AGENDA ITEM 93, 21-079XLC, Mikal McPherson

Members, Lane County School District, #76, Board of Directors. Christon summarized the cases together as they were borne of the same circumstances. Attorney Nancy Hungerford and respondents Edmunds, Martin, and McPherson addressed the Commission via video conference. The Commission and staff discussed the cases.

Item 89, O'Day moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that John Weddle may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Item 90, O'Day moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Susan Hardy may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Item 91, O'Day moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Tami Edmunds may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Item 92, O'Day moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Kevin Martin may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Item 93, O'Day moved that the Commission find that there is a substantial, objective basis for believing that Mikal McPherson may have violated ORS 192.660 and that the Commission should investigate accordingly. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 95, 21-082EDG, Lad Salness, Teacher and Coach, Washington County School District 48J (Beaverton School District). Gould summarized the case. Salness addressed the Commission via video conference. The Commission discussed the case. Starr moved that the Commission find that the complaint and information before the Commission do not indicate a violation of ORS Chapter 244 or warrant further review and

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that this complaint be dismissed. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

(File 4)

AGENDA ITEM 96, 21-086ESM, Gordon Taylor, City Councilor, City of Wheeler. Myers summarized the case. Taylor did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that the complaint and information before the Commission do not indicate a violation of ORS Chapter 244 or warrant further review and that this complaint be dismissed. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 77, 21-046ELC, Danielle Meyers, Former Building Official, City of Hood River. Christon summarized the case. Meyers did not address the Commission. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that the complaint and information before the Commission do not indicate a violation of ORS Chapter 244 or warrant further review and that this complaint be dismissed. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Own Motion Preliminary Reviews

None.

Other Items

None.

Commission reconvened into regular session at 11:37 a.m.

SEI Penalty Correspondence

(File 5)

AGENDA ITEM 58, William Rhoades, 2020 SEI, \$10 waived and Letter of Education. 2021 SEI, \$80. Recommendation: \$50. Fiskum moved that the Commission reduce the penalty to \$50 for the second violation as the sanction in this matter. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 59, Michelle Seeley, 2020 SEI, \$80 waived, Letter of Education. 2021 SEI, \$310. Recommendation: \$50 for second violation. Bersin summarized the matter. Fiskum moved that the Commission reduce the penalty to \$50 for the second violation as the sanction in this matter. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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AGENDA ITEM 60, Richard Cutler, 2018 SEI, \$20 paid by check. 2020 SEI owes \$90, 2021 SEI owes \$130. Recommendation \$50 for 3rd violation. Bersin summarized and the Commission discussed the matter. Fiskum moved that the Commission issue a Letter of Education and reduce the penalty to \$50 for the second violation as the sanction in this matter. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

STIPULATED FINAL ORDERS

AGENDA ITEM 66, 21-031XSM, Martha Spiers, Board of Directors, Clackamas County School District No. 62. Myers summarized the case. Spiers did not address the Commission. The Commission discussed the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission accept the proposed Stipulated Final Order as the final order in this matter and that the chairperson be authorized to sign it as such. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 67, 21-035XSM, Anna Farmer, Board of Directors, Clackamas County School District No. 62. Myers summarized the case. Farmer did not address the Commission. The Commission discussed the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission accept the proposed Stipulated Final Order as the final order in this matter and that the chairperson be authorized to sign it as such. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 68, 21-036XSM, Evon Tekorius, Board of Directors, Clackamas County School District No. 62. Myers summarized the case. Tekorius did not address the Commission. The Commission discussed the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission accept the proposed Stipulated Final Order as the final order in this matter and that the chairperson be authorized to sign it as such. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

AGENDA ITEM 69, 21-037XSM, Pamela White, Board of Directors, Clackamas County School District No. 62. Myers summarized the case. White did not address the Commission. The Commission discussed the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission accept the proposed Stipulated Final Order as the final order in this matter and that the chairperson be authorized to sign it as such. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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DEFAULT FINAL ORDERS

None.

REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION

AGENDA ITEM 70, 20-206ESM, Bill Harvey, Commissioner and Chair, Baker County Commission. O'Day stated he's had ex-parte contact regarding this case with Mr. Bovett from the Association of Oregon Counties. Myers summarized the case. Harvey addressed the Commission via video conference. The Commission discussed and commented on the case. Fiskum moved that the Commission find that there is sufficient evidence to find a violations of ORS Chapter 244.040(1) and 244.120(2) by Bill Harvey, if this evidence is not rebutted by contrary evidence, and that this public official be offered a contested case proceeding. Roll call was taken as follows: Edwards, aye; Fiskum, aye; Lindsay, aye; Hollister, aye; Starr, aye; O'Day, aye; Mason, aye. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The Commission recessed from 12:20 p.m. to 12:27 p.m. for a lunch break then resumed into regular session.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

AGENDA ITEM 71, 21-110A, Sarah Hanson, County Council, Columbia County re application of Oregon Government Ethics law relevant to statutory conflicts of interest and use of office for a county commissioner whose spouse is a county employee. Bersin summarized the opinion. Fiskum moved to adopt the Advisory Opinion as presented. Roll call was taken by voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED/RESPONSES

The Commission reviewed the following without comment unless otherwise noted:

Staff Opinions

(non-action, informational only items)

None.

Staff Advice

(non-action, information only items)

AGENDA ITEM 72, 21-105I, Kevin McConnell, City Attorney, City of Gresham re guidance on the application of Oregon conflict of interest laws on how the current provisions of Oregon Government Ethics law may apply to specific circumstances presented.

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ATENDA ITEM 73, 21-109I, Kevin Reed, V.P. and General Counsel, University of Oregon re potential ethical issues arising for University of Oregon President Michael Schill if he were to accept the gift of a private vacation trip to Alaska.

Other Correspondence
(non-action, informational only items)

None.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

(File 5)

AGENDA ITEM 74, Commission Meeting Schedule for 2022. Bersin summarized the proposed meeting dates for 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 75, Trainers' Report. Walker summarized the training activities. Currently recruiting for the vacant Trainer position. Bersin commented on discussions regarding anonymous complaints received from the public.

AGENDA ITEM 76, Executive Director's Report.

Bersin reviewed the following:

- 2019-21 biennial budget – still operating with a surplus; will carry over through April 2021.
- Assisting DAS with collecting past-due assessments.
- 2021-23 Budget work completed, waiting on Governor's signature.
- Legislative update. All four OGE C Bills have passed the House and Senate. Waiting for Governor's signature.
- 2021 SEI non-filers continue to be contacted by Kathy and David, only 4 non-filers to date.
- Audit. Completed and released, Secretary of State expended 3,000 hours conducting the audit. 9 out of 12 audit recommendations require legislative action, several are already pending legislation.
- Waiting on motion to dismiss Nezbeda case.
- Staff continues to follow Covid-19 protocol and telework as necessary.
- Bersin thanked Chair Mason, Vice Chair Fiskum, and Investigator Meyers for their assistance in the legislative process.
- Brief discussion around other legislation that may impact OGE C.
- OGE C expects to continue the current commission meeting model via video conferencing.
- Lobby Q1 2021 reports: 3 lobbyist; 13 client/employers have not filed.

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- Congratulations on the birth of Chair Mason's baby daughter!

Chair Mason presented commemorative plaques to Commissioners Charles Starr and Sean O'Day for their years of service on the Ethics Commission as this is their last meeting. The Commission praised Starr and O'Day for their dedication to public service. Starr addressed the Commission summarizing his journey into and through public service. O'Day addressed the Commission as he begins his deployment to Kuwait. Bersin thanked O'Day and Starr for their contributions.

Chair Mason adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting date of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission is set for FRIDAY, July 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Morrow Crane Building at 3218 Pringle Rd SE, in Salem, Oregon, and will be conducted via video conference.

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