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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

October 5, 2010

The regular meeting of the Public Employment Relations Commission was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Employment Relations Commission Conference Room, 112 Henry Street NE, Suite 300, Olympia, Washington. Those present and participating:

Marilyn Glenn Sayan, Chairperson
Pamela G. Bradburn, Commissioner
Thomas W. McLane, Commissioner, via telephone
Cathleen Callahan, Executive Director
Majel C. Boudia, Confidential Secretary
Dario de la Rosa, Appeals Administrator
David I. Gedrose, Compliance Officer

Also present and participating:

Herb Harris, Washington Federation of State Employees

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held September 14, 2010, were adopted as presented.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Executive Director Callahan reported that September case filings were down for the month from August although staff is busy. There were 57 cases filed in September: 18 unfair labor practices, 17 mediations, 2 unit clarifications, 6 grievance mediations, 2 interest arbitrations, 2 panels, 6 settlements, and 4 trainings (usually IBB training). A few teacher mediations were filed. Sixty-seven cases were closed during the month. There were 397 cases open at the end of September.
2. There are two cases on the Red List (cases ready for decision more than 90 days). One of the cases will issue today. There are two cases on the Yellow List (cases ready for decision 45 to 89 days).



3. The Commission reviewed the list of recent decisions issued by the agency. The Unfair Labor Practice Manager issued a large number of decisions in September. Also issued were four Examiner decisions, two Executive Director decisions, and three Commission decisions.
4. A field staff meeting was held on September 21st. The morning session reviewed case handling issues and the agency budget. CPR and defibrillator training was conducted during the afternoon session. Support staff received the CPR and defibrillator training that morning.
5. Executive Director Callahan and management team members are working on a two-day unfair labor practice hearing training to be held in November of this year.
6. Ms. Callahan reported that the agency received good news from the Office of Financial Management (OFM). OFM granted an exception to our request for out-of-state travel. This exception allowed Labor Relations Adjudicator/Mediators Steve Irvin, Philip Huang, and Kristi Aravena to attend administrative hearings training at the National Judicial College from September 27 through October 7.
7. The Commission reviewed a tentative list of dates for their meetings in 2011. Two dates were changed. Subject to final review, the dates will now be provided to the Office of the Code Reviser for publication in the Washington State Register.

COMPLIANCE DOCKET

Griffin School District, Case 22170-U-08-5653. Compliance Officer David Gedrose reviewed this case which involved furlough days and backpay. Mr. Gedrose reported that the compliance process went smoothly and recommended acceptance of compliance in the matter. Following review of the documents, the Commission unanimously accepted compliance and the case will now be closed.

COURT DOCKET

Appeals Administrator Dario de la Rosa reported on the following cases:

State – Office of the Governor, Case 22289-U-09-5685. The trial regarding the Governor's responsibility to request a reopening of negotiations following the Office of Financial Management's decision to reject the previously negotiated tentative agreements due to financial problems was held on September 17, 2010. Copies of Judge McPhee's Oral Opinion affirming the Commission were distributed to the Commissioners.

King County (Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 587), Case 22254-U-09-5669 and *King County (Technical Employees Association)*, Cases 22175-U-09-5658, 22176-U-09-5659, and 22177-U-09-5660. Thurston County Superior Court has consolidated these cases for trial. A status conference is scheduled for October 22, 2010. Trial is scheduled for January 21, 2011.

Lewis County, Case 22922-A-09-1472. Mr. de la Rosa reported that the employer filed a motion for voluntary dismissal in Thurston County Superior Court.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission reviewed and unanimously approved the application of Richard Humphreys for the Dispute Resolution Panel.

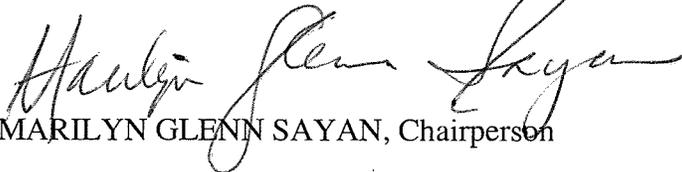
ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the public meeting was adjourned.

COMMISSION DOCKET

Following adjournment, the Commission went into Executive Session to deliberate pending decisions on appeal.

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MARILYN GLENN SAYAN, Chairperson


PAMELA G. BRADBURN, Commissioner


THOMAS W. McLANE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


CATHLEEN CALLAHAN
Executive Director