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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

July 8, 2014

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
Thomas W. McLane, Commissioner
Mark E. Brennan, Commissioner
Michael P. Sellars, Executive Director
Majel C. Boudia, Confidential Secretary
Charity L. Atchison, Appeals Administrator

Also present and participating:

Jason Holland, Washington Public Employees Association
Peggy Pulse, Department of Social and Health Services

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held June 10, 2014, were adopted as presented.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Mike thanked the Commissioners for their attendance and support at the Association of Labor Relations Agencies Conference held in Seattle on June 25 – 28, 2014. He reported that the conference was successful and well attended. There were 116 registrants for the conference and 49 registrants attended Advocates' Day on June 26. Reports indicate the content was good. The agency sent 18 staff members to the conference. Mike received many unsolicited positive comments regarding agency staff. The hotel appreciated the thank you's it received from this group. Christy Yoshitomi headed the Arrangements Committee. Lisa Hartrich and Emily Martin stepped in at the last minute to assist. Robbie Duffield and Joye Rolfe were also involved in the conference. Chairperson Sayan extended her thanks to all staff involved in the conference.

2. The agency's strategic plan has been completed and is on the agency website.
3. Interviews to fill the Labor Relations Adjudicator/Mediator (LRAM) position previously held by Robin Romeo are being conducted this week.
4. LRAM Jessica Bradley has been selected to replace retiring Unfair Labor Practice Manager David Gedrose. Jessica will work with David during the month of August before his departure.
5. Mike reviewed the budget. Agencies have been asked to submit the details of a 15% budget cut to the Office of Financial Management. Mike may delay filling Jessica Bradley's Labor Relations Adjudicator/Mediator position until the budget is determined.
6. The monthly case statistics were discussed. Case filings were down 20 cases in June. Mike and Robbie Duffield have been reviewing the case statistics since 2009. This year there is a larger drop in PSRA filings. If the 2009 statistics are removed, the agency is on track with previous years. Unfair labor practice case filings have declined, but not considerably.

Six Examiner decisions have been issued this calendar year as compared to 30 last year. Peggy Pulse, Labor Relations Specialist for the Department of Social and Health Services, noted that her agency is trying to work cases out prior to filing with PERC.

7. The recent *Harris v. Quinn* decision is being reviewed. The Office of Financial Management Labor Relations Division will refer inquiries to PERC, although it is not technically an issue for this agency.

COMPLIANCE DOCKET

There were no cases to review on the docket.

COURT DOCKET

Appeals Administrator Charity Atchison reviewed the pending court cases and offered updated information where available. The monthly Court Docket is available on the agency website.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the Commission.

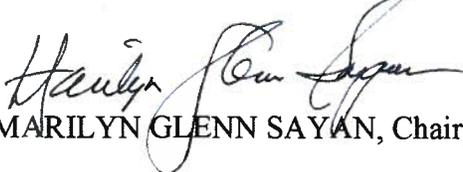
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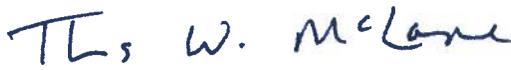
There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the public meeting was adjourned.

COMMISSION DOCKET

Following adjournment, the Commission went into Executive Session to deliberate pending cases before the Commission.

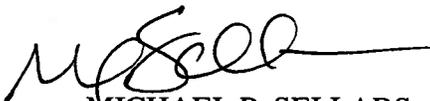
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