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MARINE EMPLOYEES' COMMISSION

Thursday, March 21, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.
Rainier Conference Room, 4th Floor
Washington State Ferries
2901 3rd Avenue
Seattle, Washington

MINUTES

Members and Staff:

Catherine M. Roth, Chair
John M. Cox, Commissioner
Mark E. Brennan, Commissioner
Michael P. Sellars, Executive Director
Majel C. Boudia, Confidential Secretary

Others:

Bill Knowlton, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association
Leah Maurseth, Washington State Department of Transportation
Susan Moriarty, Washington State Department of Transportation

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Catherine M. Roth, Chair of the Marine Employees' Commission.

Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the agenda distributed at the meeting.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2013 meeting, as distributed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Executive Director Mike Sellars thanked the Department of Transportation for reserving today's conference room after the Commissioners requested a change in the location at the January meeting.



2. Mike reported that cases are steady. For marine clientele, there were six cases filed in February and two cases closed. There were 66 total cases filed in February and 79 cases closed for the agency..
3. Mike reported that the four Labor Relations Adjudicator/Mediators (LRAMs) hired in September are now being assigned grievance mediation cases and are establishing their own caseload.
4. A panel discussion for field staff members was held on March 5, 2013. Panel members included Otto Klein, Rod Younker, Cabot Dow, Hillary McClure, Spencer Thal, and James Trefry. There was a good exchange of information between the panel and staff.
5. The field staff meeting scheduled for May 22, 2013, will feature mediation training by Ken Cloke, a well-know mediation expert.
6. With the sudden resignation of our IT individual, we have a vacancy. Mike is reevaluating the IT needs of the agency.
7. Mike reviewed the decisions issued recently by the agency.
8. House Bill 1608 was reviewed. This legislation would remove the expiration date for the Marine Employees' Commission. It has passed the House of Representative and is now before the Senate. A hearing is scheduled before the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on Wednesday, March 27, 2013.

Two other bills are being followed: one would give interest arbitration to Department of Corrections employees, and the other would give interest arbitration to law enforcement employees at four-year universities.

STATUS OF CASES

The list of open cases was reviewed with the Commission. We continue to improve it for clarity. Mike noted there are many factors involved in trying to schedule cases for hearing. The goal is to schedule / hold hearing within 90 days.

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There were no cases to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.