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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

September 13, 2016

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

Those present and participating:

Marilyn Glenn Sayan, Chairperson
Mark E. Brennan, Commissioner
Michael P. Sellars, Executive Director
Charity Atchison, Appeals Administrator
Joye Rolfer, Confidential Secretary
Dario de la Rosa, Rules Coordinator

Also present and participating:

Peggy Pulse, State – Social and Health Services
Herb Harris, Washington Federation of State Employees

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held August 9, 2016 were adopted as presented.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. This is the final week of the anticipated teacher mediations. We had four requests, two of those were re-openers. Matt Greer and Sean Bratner were working with Bethel School District. Erin Slone-Gomez and Daniel Comeau were at Evergreen School District in Vancouver, they settled the Tuesday before school started. We were ready to send two people to Darrington School District, and then they said they settled before our staff departed.
2. The state groups are working to settle their contracts. For the non interest arbitration groups, general government and the colleges are still going. Page Garcia and Steve Irvin are mediating a bargaining coalition with the Service Employees International Union 925, the Washington



Federation of State Employees, and the University of Washington. They have been working with them three days a week for the last three weeks.

3. Case filings in August were low, below the five year average, and September is trending that way too.
4. Our staff will be meeting with the Oregon Employment Relations Board and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to discuss the work we do.
5. We are working on our new Strategic Plan.
6. A new director's message has been posted to our website, it mentions the resignation of Tom McLane and how much he will be missed.
7. We have gone live with our new decision search tool. We are also looking other new updates to our website. Joye is working on an improved arbitration panel page that will link each active arbitrator's bio.
8. We are preparing a training on PERC Fundamentals for clientele new to PERC, it will be made available online in the next year.

ACTION ON RULES

Rules Coordinator Dario de la Rosa presented two rule amendments pertaining to internal agency matters. The amendments were presented to the Commission through the expedited rule making process.

1. WAC 391-08-650, concerns the agency's case numbering system. As stated in the existing rule, the case numbering system contains 4 parts. The agency stopped using the 4th part when it implemented the new case management system in 2015.
2. WAC 391-08-800, identifies the agency's public records officer by name, including the individuals contact agency contact information. In order to more efficiently respond to public records requests, the agency proposed to use general agency contact information for the public records officer.

Commission Brennan moved to adopt the amendments to WAC 391-08-650 and WAC 391-08-800. The motion was seconded and carried.

COURT DOCKET

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

OBSERVER COMMENTS

Commissioner Sayan invited those attending to share any comments. Peggy Pulse mentioned that a recent training and settlement mediation were very helpful. Commissioner Sayan commented that it is nice to see and hear our staff come in and be helpful, and not just perceived as issuing decisions. Herb

Harris mentioned that a recent training at Bellevue College with Matt Greer and Page Garcia was very well done and beneficial to all parties. Commissioner Sayan thanked them both for their participation and comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

COMMISSION DOCKET

The Commission went into Executive Session for a discussion on agency public records procedures and deliberation on pending cases before the Commission.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL

These minutes will be reviewed, approved and signed at the meeting on November 8, 2016.

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MARILYN GLENN SAYAN, Chairperson


MARK E. BRENNAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:


MICHAEL P. SELLARS
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