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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

June 10, 2011

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
Cathleen Callahan, Executive Director
Majel C. Boudia, Confidential Secretary
Dario de la Rosa, Appeals Administrator

Also present and participating:

Herb Harris, Washington Federation of State Employees

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held May 17, 2011, were adopted as presented.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Executive Director Callahan reported there were 64 cases filed during the month of May 2011, compared to 55 cases filed in May 2010. Of those, there were 21 mediation cases and 19 unfair labor practice cases. There were 69 cases closed during the month, compared to 68 closed in May 2010. A total of 369 cases were open at the end of May.
2. The two cases on the Red List (cases ready for decision more than 90 days) have enormous records that were developed after multiple days of hearing. There were five cases on the Yellow List (cases ready for decision 45 to 89 days), of which two will be issued soon. The Commission was pleased with the improvement on both lists.
3. The Commission reviewed the list of recent decisions issued by the agency.

4. Outreach:

- May 20, 2011, Ms. Callahan spoke to the Executive Assistants Group Spring Conference.
 - May 22, 2011, Ms. Callahan spoke to a group of parents and teachers called Stand for Children.
 - May 24, 2011, Ms. Callahan spoke to a group of newer fire chiefs in Spokane at the Washington Fire Chiefs Annual Conference.
5. The Commission reviewed an e-mail message from Shane Esquibel, OFM Labor Relations Office attorney, thanking Steve Irvin for his assistance in settlement mediation involving the State of Washington and the Washington Federation of State Employees regarding furlough days.
6. Today is the last furlough day of the biennium for those agencies involved.
7. The Executive Director reported that staff received defensive driving training at the May 25th All Staff Meeting. Training was provided by the Washington State Patrol.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

1. The Executive Director reported that Senate Bill 5742 abolishing the Marine Employees' Commission (MEC) and creating a marine division within the Public Employment Relations Commission has been signed by the Governor. Ms. Callahan will be busy determining the mechanics of holding an election for all captains in August. Executive Director Callahan will be meeting with MEC staff on Tuesday. She will also make time for outreach with MEC clientele.

The function of the MEC Commissioners will be to hear appeals of their cases until the MEC is completely dissolved in 2013. Ms. Callahan and Dario de la Rosa will begin drafting emergency rules right away.

The three PERC Commissioners retain jurisdiction over the agency and hiring of the Executive Director. John Swanson has resigned from the MEC effective with the appointment of a new Commissioner.

2. Ms. Callahan reported Senate Bill 5931, the legislation creating the Department of Enterprise Services combining the Departments of Personnel, General Administration, and Office of Financial Management, is alive but not signed.

COMPLIANCE DOCKET

There were no cases to report on the Compliance Docket.

COURT DOCKET

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

Community Transit, Case 22100-U-08-5632. We are awaiting the Thurston County Superior Court's decision regarding interest arbitration provisions. The hearing was held in January.

King County, Cases 22175-U-09-5658, 22176-U-09-5659, 22177-U-09-5660, and 22254-U-09-5679. We are still awaiting the Court's decision in Thurston County Superior Court. The hearing was held in April.

Vancouver School District, Case 22393-U-09-5715. The Vancouver Education Association appealed this case to Thurston County Superior Court.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission unanimously authorized Executive Director Callahan and Chairperson Marilyn Glenn Sayan to attend the 2011 Association of Labor Relations Agencies Conference in Jersey City, New Jersey.

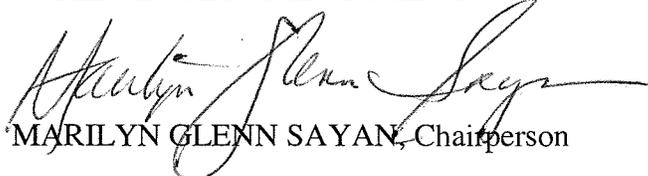
ADJOURNMENT

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