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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

September 13, 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, 9757 Juanita Drive NE, Suite 201, Kirkland, 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 (outgoing)
Charity Atchison, Appeals Administrator (incoming)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held August 9, 2011, were adopted as presented.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. Executive Director Callahan reported that 59 cases were filed during the month of August 2011. The highest number of filings by case type were 18 mediation cases and 19 unfair labor practice cases. Although the total number of cases filed for the month was lower, the cases filed are more complex. There were 44 cases closed during the month of August. There were 397 pending cases at the end of August.

Ms. Callahan reported that the high volume of teacher mediation cases was not anticipated. The Tacoma School District remains on strike today. All staff members are very busy.

2. The Red List (cases ready for decision more than 90 days) was reviewed. There were three cases on the list. There were five cases on the Yellow List (cases ready for decision 45 to 89 days).
3. The Commission reviewed the list of all recent decisions issued by the agency.



4. OUTREACH: Ms. Callahan will attend the Washington Public Employer Labor Relations Association (WAPELRA) Conference in Bremerton on September 23, 2011, to participate in a panel entitled *Changing the Landscape of Labor Relations Law*.
5. The revenue forecast is due to issue this week. A supplemental budget request will be filed to cover Marine Employees' Commission expenses. Agencies have been asked to prepare 5% and 10% budget scenarios to cover possible future budget reductions.
6. Ms. Callahan reported that the LRAM hiring process is going well because of a talented applicant pool.
7. The Marine Employees' Commission meeting scheduled for September 23, 2011, will be held on September 30, 2011, in Seattle. Commissioner Cox requested the date be changed.
8. The Commission reviewed and approved the application of Susan Bauman for the Dispute Resolution panel.

COMPLIANCE DOCKET

City of Yakima, Case 21562-U-08-5494 was held over until the October meeting.

There were no other cases to report.

COURT DOCKET

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

City of Seattle, Case 19522-U-05-4955. Mr. de la Rosa reported that the Washington State Supreme Court has denied review of this case. This will be the last report on this matter.

Community Transit, Case 22100-U-08-5632. Mr. de la Rosa reported that the employer has appealed the case to the Court of Appeals.

King County, Cases 22175-U-09-5658, 22176-U-09-5659, 22177-U-09-5660, and 22254-U-09-5679. Thurston County Superior Court affirmed the Decision of Commission on July 27, 2011, and the employer has appealed the case to the Court of Appeals.

Omak School District, Case 22614-U-09-5783. This case was heard in Thurston County Superior Court on July 8, 2011. No order has been received. Mr. de la Rosa will report to the Commission in October when he knows more.

Yakima County, Case 21632-U-08-5519. Trial is set for September 9, 2011.

University of Washington, Case 21681-U-08-5529. This case will be heard in King County Superior Court on December 2, 2011.

Vancouver School District, Case 22393-U-09-5715. This case will be heard in Thurston County Superior Court on December 2, 2011.

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