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PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

June 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Public Employment Relations Commission was held at 10:02 a.m. via Zoom

> Those present and participating: Marilyn Glenn Sayan, Chairperson Mark R. Busto, Commissioner Mike Sellars, Executive Director Charity Atchison, Appeals Administrator Diane Tucker, Administrative Services Manager Vanessa Smith, Confidential Secretary

Also present: Herb Harris, Washington Federation of State Employees Lisa Hartrich, PERC, Field Services Manager Kristin Lamson, Office of the Attorney General Amy Riggs, PERC, Legal Assistant Connor Trapp, SEIU 1199NW

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on May 10, 2022, were adopted as presented.

#### **Report of the Executive Director**

- 1. A recent change in the Open Public Meetings Act requires agencies to provide a physical space for the public to view meetings beginning in June. Meetings will now be viewable online in the large conference room at our Olympia office; however, the Commission will continue to meet via Zoom for the time being.
- 2. Case filings continued to be steady through May, and we will have one of the biggest first halves of the year that we've seen in a while. We still have a fair number of vaccine mandate-related cases, and some unfair labor practice cases related to mandates will start to go to hearing this summer.
- 3. Another rules discussion will occur at next month's Commission meeting. Each Commissioner has received documents showing the changes that were made after the three meetings where the proposals were previously discussed and that were sent to the Office of the Code Reviser for formatting. We hope to bring the rules to the Commission for formal adoption in the fall. The draft rules will be posted on the website for clientele.

- 4. Mike will meet with the Clientele Consultation Committee on June 17. He plans to update the committee on the rules revision process and discuss things we found for the annual report.
- 5. We have entered the last month of the fiscal year. Because we have not been traveling or filling positions, we have a surplus. We may start traveling again in the next fiscal year.

#### **Court Docket**

Charity provided a brief update for the only case pending in court. A list of pending Commission cases that have been appealed to court is available on the agency website.

## **Consideration of Dispute Resolution Panel Applications**

The Commission reviewed and unanimously accepted current Dispute Resolution Panel member Charlene MacMillan's request to also be referred for interest arbitration cases. Arbitrator MacMillan will now be on both the grievance arbitration and interest arbitration lists.

## Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the public meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

APPROVED this 12th day of July, 2022.

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RILYN GLENN SAYAN, Chairperson M

MARK R. BUSTO, Commissioner

KENNETH J. PEDERSEN, Commissioner