

**Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Regular Meeting
March 4, 2015**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission convened on March 4, 2015 in Room 4080 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue. Commission Chair Bruce Carter called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Vice-Chair Kendee Yamaguchi and Commissioner Bill Sherman were in attendance. Commissioners Brad Axel, Rich Cohan, Brendan Donckers and Eileen Norton joined by telephone. Executive Director Wayne Barnett and staff members Anthony Adams, Kate Flack and Polly Grow were present. Assistant City Attorney Jeff Slayton was also in attendance.

1) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Action Item

2) Meeting minutes for February 11, 2015

Commissioner Cohan moved to approve the minutes for February 11, 2015. Vice-Chair Yamaguchi seconded the motion. The minutes for the February 11, 2015 Special meeting were unanimously approved.

3) Settlement in Case No. 14-1-1022-1 (Employee performed official duties when it could appear to a reasonable person that their judgment was impaired by a personal relationship)

The Director summarized the settlement agreement for the Commission, saying that the employee acknowledged that he violated the Ethics Code when he performed official duties involving a City vendor that sponsored a hydroplane team with which the employee was affiliated and had traveled internationally. The employee had also been an overnight guest of the vendor's owner on several occasions. The Director and the employee had settled on a \$750

penalty, which the Director said was comparable to past cases, especially a similar case involving an SPU employee.

Commissioner Sherman said that based on the agreed-upon facts he believed the settlement was appropriate. He moved to adopt the settlement, and Vice-Chair Yamaguchi seconded. The settlement agreement in Case No. 14-1-1022-1 was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

4) Executive Director's report

The Director told the Commission that the rollout of the training for the Whistleblower Protection Code continued to go well. The City's new Learning Management System enabled the office to identify supervisors and new employees who needed to take the training.

The Chair asked for an update on the Office Fund Rule, and the Director said that he was working to incorporate the Commission's feedback from the February 11 into a new draft, but that work was not yet complete.

Commissioner Sherman asked Polly Grow whether she needed additional assistance to stay abreast of the candidate filings, and she said that she and the Executive Director were discussing that issue.

The regular Commission meeting for March 4, 2015 adjourned at 4:16 p.m.