

# Legislative Ethics Board



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## LEGISLATIVE ETHICS BOARD MINUTES May 5, 2025

Present were: Larry Hoff, Chair; Laurie Dolan, Vice-Chair; Sen. Pedersen (virtual); Jessica Roberts (virtual); Lynda Wilson; Pam Tajima Praeger (virtual); Rep. Steele (virtual); Jennifer Strus, Board counsel; Ohad Lowy, House counsel (virtual); Jeannie Gorrell, Senate counsel; Suchi Sharma, Senate counsel.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

The minutes for the March 3, 2025 Board meeting were approved.

There were no Employment Disclosure forms to review.

Board counsel discussed the draft advisory opinion regarding the use and printing of stickers. The opinion indicated that if the request for printing is included in the list of traditional printing jobs then it is considered "normal and regular" under RCW 42.52.180. If it is not on the list it is a violation of .180. Sen. Pedersen recommended that the opinion be amended to state that a printing job on the list is presumed to be "normal and regular." Sen. Pedersen indicated that he could imagine members requesting some methods of printing traditional items that would be considered campaign in nature and wanted to ensure that the administrations could not approve those. It was moved and seconded that Sen. Pedersen's suggestion be incorporated into the next draft opinion to be circulated for approval to the members.

Board counsel discussed the draft opinion regarding legislative staff's involvement in caucus social media posts. The draft opinion indicated that it would be a violation of RCW 42.52.020 for legislative staff to "like" a post on caucus social media because that would be considered lobbying. There was a discussion that all posts on official social media platforms must have a legislative nexus or they could be violating the Act. It was suggested that this point be added to the opinion. It was moved and seconded that this suggestion be incorporated into the next draft opinion to be circulated for approval to the Board members.

Board counsel informed the members that the Ethics bill (ESSB 5143) passed the legislature and is awaiting signature by the Governor. Counsel indicated that Sen. Gildon suggested that an Ethics Alert be sent out highlighting the main changes in the bill. It was moved and seconded that Board counsel draft the Alert for approval by the members.

Board counsel discussed the remaining Advisory Opinions left to be reviewed by the Board. It was determined that Board counsel would bring recommendations on whether to retain or retire the opinions to the next Board meeting.

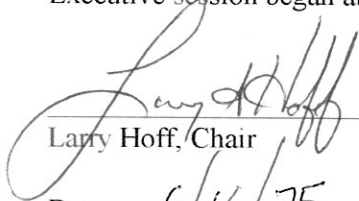
The Board continued its discussion about whether to digitize the case files that have been archived. Board counsel shared with the Board the estimate from Archives on the cost to digitize the files. It is estimated to cost about \$19,500. It was moved and seconded that the case files should be digitized since the Board currently has sufficient funds with which to do so.

It was confirmed that the date for the next Board meeting is June 16, 2025 at 10:00 am.

There was no public testimony.

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

Executive session began at 10:45 am and adjourned at 11:45am.

  
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Larry Hoff, Chair  
Date: 6/16/25

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