

Legislative Ethics Board

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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS BOARD MINUTES March 31, 2025

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03pm.

New members, Lynda Wilson and Jessica Roberts, were welcomed to the Board.

The minutes for the February 21, 2025 Board meeting were approved.

Board counsel updated the Board on ESSB 5143, the bill amending the Ethics Act. The bill is currently in the House Rules Committee and has not been amended thus far. Sen. Pedersen updated the Board on potential amendments.

Chair Hoff discussed the opinion from the Attorney General's office that, in the event of a lawsuit against the Board, the AG would represent the citizen members of the Board if the Board members were acting in their official capacities as Board members.

The Chair also reviewed the current Board budget and indicated that the Board has an underspend of approximately \$130,000 for the fiscal year.

There were no Employment Disclosure forms to review.

Board counsel discussed the request for an advisory opinion regarding the use and printing of stickers. After a robust discussion Board counsel was directed to draft an opinion stating that the normal and historical items printed by the print shop are considered "normal and regular" and all other items are considered to be campaign related in nature.

It was confirmed that the date for the next Board meeting is May 5, 2025 at 10:00 am.

There was no public testimony.

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 pm.

Executive session began at 12:30 pm and adjourned at 12:57pm.



Larry Hoff, Chair

Date: _____

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The entirety of the public portion of this meeting can be viewed on TVW at the attached link
<https://tvw.org/video/legislative-ethics-board-2025031134/?eventID=2025031134>