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COMPLAINTS 2025 – NOS. 9 & 10
In re Joel McEntire
May 13, 2026

BOARD COUNSEL'S ORDER OF DISMISSAL – LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

I. NATURE AND BACKGROUND OF COMPLAINT

Complaint 2026 – No. 9 was received on March 24, 2026 and Complaint 2026 – No. 10 was received on April 1, 2026. Both complaints allege that Respondent violated the Ethics Act by posting demeaning and insulting comments about various people including constituents on his personal Facebook account.

II. DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION

In *In re McEntire*, 2023 – Nos. 7, 13 & 14; 2024 – No. 8; 2025 – Nos. 7 & 8 and *In re Kloba*, 2023 – No. 6, the Board held that it had no subject matter jurisdiction over a legislator's personal social media accounts. The social media account (Facebook) about which these complaints is based is Respondent's personal social media account. While the Board does not condone the demeaning comments made by Respondent, it does not have subject matter jurisdiction to address the issue.

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Pursuant to RCW 42.52.425 and Legislative Ethics Board Rule 1.D., Board Counsel has the authority to dismiss this complaint. Board Counsel finds that the Board lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the complaints alleging the inappropriate use of a legislator's personal social media account.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that these complaints be dismissed.

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