

PIERCE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES of the October 14, 2020 Meeting
Online open public meeting via Zoom

Call to Order: 4:32 PM

Quorum Call

Commission Members Present:

Mr. Gabriel Landry

Ms. Lisa Petorak

Mr. Eben Gorbaty

Mr. Peter Donor

If not present, minutes shall note any unexcused absence.

Hearing Officer Present:

Judge Culpepper

Commission Legal Advisor present:

Michelle Luna-Green

Approval of Agenda: The Commission approved the agenda as presented

Approval of Minutes: The Commission approved the minutes of the September 9, 2020 meeting.

Old Business: The Chair made a brief reminder that there is one open Commissioner position. The Hearing Office reported regarding Complaint 2020-2 the brief communications he had with the complainant regarding filing a request for reconsideration following the finding of no probable cause that the ethics code was violated.

The Chair reported he received the request for reconsideration for Complaint 2020-2, reviewed the materials provided by the Complainant, and reached a conclusion that the Hearing Officer had fairly reviewed the complaint prior to making his determination of no probable cause. A letter was sent to the Complainant and a copy filed with the case file at the County Executive's office.

New Business: Hearing Officer reported on two complaints:

2020-03 alleged an improper use of County facilities for elections. The Complainant had no personal knowledge, only 3rd hand hearsay information, and was not responsive to requests for additional information. A finding of No Probable Cause was reached and communicated.

2020-04 is in preliminary status. The complaint contains very few facts and the Hearing Officer is awaiting response to his request for more relevant information.

~ **Mail Received** - No new mail has been received other than noted above.

~ Informal Inquiries – None

~ Advisory Opinions - None

Public Input: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: 4:59 PM

Next Meeting: October 14, 2020 @ 4:30PM @ Online Zoom Conference Call –

The Pierce County Ethics Commission will continue to meet 'virtually' via Zoom conference calls until the Governor issues updated guidance permitting and supporting business meeting of this type in person.

The public is still welcome to engage the Commission for all prescribed activities via the channels described on the web page.