

**Clallam County Charter Review Commission
Ethics Committee
Meeting Notes May 21, 2025**

Present in person: Commissioners Cameron, Noble, and Tozzer

Present electronically: Commissioner Fleck

Absent: Commissioners Benedict and Walde

Also in attendance as a non-committee member: Commissioner Stoffer

Meeting convened at 11:45

Commissioner Cameron selected by consensus to chair the committee

Commissioner Noble volunteered to take notes

The Chair led an open discussion of what we want to do

Commissioner Tozzer expressed the view that a county commissioner sitting on the board of a nonprofit or NGO with which the county has business is a conflict of interest. He cited Commissioner Ozias's participation on the board of NODC as an example. Commissioner Fleck observed that this is not a conflict of interest under the RCW and Commissioner Noble pointed out language in RCW describing the example as a Remote Interest. At Commissioner Fleck's suggestion, the committee decided to pursue legal advice about what rules the county could impose on remote interests (either through the charter or ordinance) that would not conflict with state law. [Subsequent to the meeting, the CRC Executive Committee approved a request by the ethics committee to invite Dee Boughton to a later ethics committee meeting to address this and related questions.]

Discussion about the 2006 changes to the county's code of ethics (specifically, the removal of civil penalties) led to a request to Loni Gores to see what minutes might be available to shed light on the rationale for the change.

The committee received public comment, agreed on the time of its next meeting, then adjourned at approximately 12:45.