

**Clallam County Charter Review Commission
Ethics Committee
Meeting Notes June 4, 2025**

Present in person: Commissioners Cameron, Benedict, Noble, and Tozzer

Present electronically: Commissioner Fleck

Absent: Commissioner Walde

Meeting convened at 1:00

After introductions, Commissioner Tozzer discussed the contents of his June 4 email about the National Association of Counties guide to a County Code of Ethics.

Commissioner Benedict expressed his favorable view of the Pierce County Ethics Commission. He also indicated that during his time as sheriff, he was informed that the Code of Ethics was voluntary and not enforceable as it applied to elected officials.

Commissioner Tozzer said that he believed Clark County's resolution establishing an Ethics Review Board is worth looking at.

The committee was in general agreement that some form of ethics board is needed and should be established by a charter amendment, but that its enforcement powers should be limited to a finding of violation of the ethics code.

Dee Boughton opined that due process would be critical to the operation of an ethics board.

Several documents were mentioned as worthy of the committee's consideration:

RCW 29A.56.110

Clallam County Policy 952

Clallam County Code section 3.01

Meeting adjourned.