

Administrative Law Section

of the Washington State Bar Association



Minutes

Administrative Law Section Executive Committee

Zoom Meeting April 20, 2026

Executive Committee Members Present: Ed Pesik, Jennifer T. Karol, Anne Fitzpatrick, Sarah Garrod, Susan Dumph, Ben Justus, Alexis Hartwell-Gobeske, Seth Rosenberg

Others Present: Richard Potter, John Gray, Parvin Price, Noah Baetge

Absent Executive Committee Members: Lea Dickerson, Isaac Prevost, Jessica Creager, Michael Lantz, Alex Krakow, Robert Krabill, Natalie Ghayumi

1. Approval of March Minutes

Approved.

2. Approval of Agenda

Approved.

3. Financial Update

No report

4. Committee Updates

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Eileen Keiffer will present on the Open Meetings and Public Records Act at the Annual Meeting in October.

Diversity and Outreach

Scholarship applications have been sent to all law schools in Washington. The deadline for applications closes on May 15. Two applications have been received. The executive committee will be presented with all applications for selection as soon as the deadline closes.

Homan Award

No report.

Newsletter

The Newsletter has been published.

Legislative

The Legislative session is complete. Richard has prepared a draft article for the newsletter describing the six bills passed and signed by the Governor.

Discussion is ongoing about adding a table of contents for the newsletter to our section website.

The AGO still has not published any decisions in its model public records rulemaking proceeding. Richard and John will work to draft an email to follow up with the AGO.

State agencies must have a public records index to be in accordance with the Public Records Act. Eastern Washington University (“EWU”) mentions this requirement in a recent rulemaking. John and Richard communicated with EWU regarding this. EWU does not treat their decisions as precedential so will not be adding an index.

Discussion was had about whether the section would like to take further action relative to rulemaking and public records indexes.

2026 Section Elections

The deadline to file will be extended to April 27, 2026, to allow any late applications.

Publications & Practice Manual

Sarah and Natalie met with WSBA. They gained access to both the Public Records Act Desk Book and WA Administrative Law Practice manual. They learned about the process of updating each book. The timeline for updating is approximately two years per book. The committee will be meeting to determine which book to start updating first. They will then need to assess the book to decide if it is time for a new edition or a supplement to the current edition.

Annual Meeting/Retreat Planning

No additional information to report.

5. Good of the Order

- WSBA has filed an opposition to the proposed DOJ rule regarding discipline of US attorneys. Additional documents and materials can be found at the WSBA website.

Next meeting is set for May 18, 2026, at 12:00.