

PDC Complaint #27987, Dated 12/1/17

Allegation #1 “According to photos found on the public Facebook feeds from Port of Olympia Staffers...”

I am not aware of “various staff” posting to their personal Facebook accounts during the course of this election cycle during their work hours. The times noted on the two examples while happening during the work day perhaps could have been done when those “various staff” were on personal breaks (coffee breaks?) during their work day. As to the allegations of use of Port equipment, I have no personal knowledge of Port equipment being used during this election cycle.

Allegation #2 “According to photos found on the official Facebook page for McGregor’s campaign...”

The March 16th event started at 0700 hours and was completed by 0800 hours. I have no knowledge of any Port staff that attended to having to take vacation as the event was over prior to the start of “Port of Olympia Business hours”. I am not aware nor do I know the start time of each Port Staff person who attended that event. To the best of my knowledge, any Port Staff that attended the event were at work prior to the start of their work day.

Allegation #3 “According to unrelated public records request, on March 15, 2017, 11:05 AM, an email...”

The email in this allegation was received on my Port email account on the date, time indicated. The email was from Dave Callantine, Brusco Tug and Barge as indicated. Mr. Callantine and I have known each other for over 25 years. Our relationship pre-dates my role as Port Commissioner for the Port of Olympia. When I received this email, I forwarded it to my personal email account and responded to Mr. Callantine that if he had any further correspondence related to my election campaign that he not send it to my Port email account but use my personal email account due to the conflict of public resources being used in an election campaign. To the best of my knowledge that is the only email from Mr. Callantine to my Port email address regarding my campaign.