

January 11, 2017 Second Comment Angel De Fazio

On January 6th, instead of the backup asked for in a FOIA request, "Garrett stated over the phone the Commission does everything to minimize T&E costs."

According to him, since PUKE was paying for the ticket, the miles were the personal property of whose name was on the ticket and couldn't be used by PUKE.

When queried why the employee didn't book it and get reimbursed, the response was: then employee credit card info would be disclosed. I have no idea what type of a facata system PUKE used for employee reimbursement," but in the corporate world the truncation lists the last four digits of a credit card."

So why isn't Barbie utilizing these miles? Back on April 22, 2011, it was made public during an ADMIN agenda meeting:

Effective 1/28/11, Section E4 Travel Arrangements: SW Airline credits that arise from cancelled or changed flights may only be used by the individual named on the original ticket not by any other employee. E 4.5 Bonus flight points earned, ie SW as a result of state paid air travel shall whenever possible be used by the commission to meet state travel needs."

The 12/19/16 BOE meeting adopted a Bonus Flight Points policy Section: 0217 *"Most commercial airlines maintain customer loyalty programs which allow for the accumulation of free bonus flight points to travelers based on miles flown or the amount of the fare as an inducement to travel with that airline. Any bonus flight points or other rewards received by State agencies or State employees as a result of State- paid air travel shall, whenever possible, be used by the agency to meet State travel needs."*

So why isn't this being done? Who didn't read the full manual? Oops, that's Barbie, the ever, hyper-vigilant CFO, who isn't adhering to the state or PUC standards, another deficiency in her performance!

Employees who have accrued business miles mistakenly believe they can use those miles for personal trips, when the state travel policy says they must be used by the PUC for official travel."