

Baltimore City Ethics Board
626 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202
March 1, 2017

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on March 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Department of Legislative Reference, 626 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland.

Call to Order - Chairperson, Lu Pierson, called to order the meeting of the Baltimore City Ethics Board at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Dawna Cobb and Stephen Fogelman. Guy Flynn attended by telephone. Also present was Thaddeus Watulak, Deputy Director of the Ethics Board.

Approval of the minutes: Minutes of the February meeting with minor changes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Chair's report: There is none though Ms. Pierson noted that the Mayor's Office has created a list of boards and commissions on the City's website.

Director's report

1. **Open complaint against KH**-this is being handled through an internal grievance process that has been recently concluded. Mr. Watulak will follow up to ascertain if the complainant wishes to pursue the matter through the Ethics Board.

2. **2017 Financial disclosure filing**- the deadline is May 1. Under the new deadline, agencies were supposed to provide their lists to Ethics Board and Human Resources by yesterday, February 28. Mr. Watulak reports that the lists are coming in, but expects that there may be some slippage in the due date to the Board and Human Resources given that this is a new process.

3. Updating notices to new appointees-Because of recent changes to the Ethics Code regarding pre-appointment disclosures, the Board reviewed and approved an updated disclosure form and affidavit along with a letter to new board members regarding their responsibilities. A motion to approve ethics form 614 was made and approved by a vote of 4-0.

3. Solicitation for the Back to School Pep Rally-A motion to approve the solicitation was made and approved by a vote of 4-0.

4. Newly filed complaint against CC-A motion was made at 3:40 to go into closed session.

5. Opinion request-A discussion of this was postponed.

6. Upcoming meeting- April 12 at 3 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.