

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

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on February 1, 2017 at 3:10 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 3:10 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 December meeting with minor changes were approved by a vote of 4-0. There was no meeting in January 2017.

Chair's report: Ms. Pierson reported that she contacted the Comptroller's Office concerning the need for the Comptroller to appoint someone to the Ethics Board. She was unable to obtain any information regarding this matter.

Director's report

1. **Winter's Ethics Trainings** -About 120 people were trained over five sessions. Not all City Council members and new staff were able to attend therefore Mr. Watulak is working with the City Council President's Office to set a special meeting for this group in March.

2. **2017 financial disclosure filing season**-the Lobbyist list is on the Ethics Board website as required by regulation. Mr. Watulak has had preliminary conversations with Human Resources regarding its responsibility under the new regulation, Ordinance 16-585.

Solicitation Requests

Councilmember Cohen's Office -Bus Pass Funding Gap- This request was approved by a vote 4-0.

Opinion Request-The Board authorized Mr. Watulak to draft an opinion to Mayor's Office.

Annual report preparation- A copy of the last report will be located and shared with the current Board members.

Open complaint against KH- At 3:21 p.m. a motion was made, seconded and approved to go into closed session to discuss a pending complaint. The Board returned to open session at 3:25 p.m.

Next meeting will March 1, 2017 at 3 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.