

Baltimore City Ethics Board Meeting  
626 City Hall Baltimore, MD 21202  
August 1, 2018  
Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on August 1, 2018 at 3:00 pm 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 3:02 p.m. Present were Board Members: Lu Pierson and Teresa Epps Cummings. Also present was Guy Flynn by telephone and Avery Aisenstark, Ethics Director. Sabrina Johnson arrived late thereby establishing a quorum.

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve June 6, 2018 minutes with edits passed. Edit should remove that minutes were approved and state "no minutes approved."

**2. Chair's Report:** No report.

**3. Director's Status Update:**

- a. Status on new DLR hires: Two new hires. At least one is a lawyer, however, they cannot start until after background check and start of pay period.
- b. Solicitation Exemption Request from Mayor's Office: Discussed and waiting on draft.

**4. BDC Solicitation Filings:**

BDC is Instituting a policy for one person to handle all (application and reporting).

**5. Ethics Code Applicability to Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission:** Board agreed that the Commission are public servants and are in conflict with prohibitions on having an interest. Board suggested an exception to section 6:11, as allowed by the board pursuant to 6:12(a) and similar to adjunct faculty provision, including the non-participation rule. Any new regulation should expressly refer to 6:6 prohibited participation.

**6. Bill 18-0230:** Board discussed bill's requirements to scan and upload lobbyist reporting documents. EB's position is that the required personnel must be hired.

**7. Reporter** question regarding Mayor's solicitation request.

**8. Two solicitations** received July 31 and August 1 from Young and Burnett respectively. Approval tabled until September meeting.

**Next meeting** will be held on 9/5/18 at 3pm.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 4:21pm