

Baltimore City Ethics Board  
626 City Hall  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
August 7, 2019

### **Minutes of the Public Session**

The Ethics Board met on August 7, 2019 at 2:30 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 2:34 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Stephan Fogleman and Teresa Cummings. Avery Aisenstark, Ethics Director and Anthony DeFranco, Deputy Ethics Director, were also present.

#### **I. Approval of the minutes:**

- May 8, 2019 Minutes approved with corrections as indicated below:
  3. Baltimore City Residency Requirement: Motion to support with amendment: under prohibited act section add an exception that the agency which proposed reorganization may seek clarification. It is not a prohibition if the agency gets prior approval. Motion was properly moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- July 3, 2019 Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

#### **II. Chairperson's Report**

Ms. Pierson reported back regarding her testimony at the July 9, 2019 hearing on Councilman Dorsey's financial disclosure bill. Ms. Pierson stated that the Board's bill report was clear and concise in stating that the Board cannot enact the proposed changes without a fully funded budget. The bill passed out of Committee and will be on third reader at the upcoming meeting.

#### **III. Director's Report**

Mr. Aisenstark reported that, according to new Council President Scott's policy proposal, the Council President pledges to strengthen the Board by "properly devoting the resources necessary for a functioning Board of Ethics..."

#### **IV. Solicitations**

Name of Benefited Program/Charity: Leadership for Educational Equity ("LEE") Public Policy Fellows. Councilman Cohen would like to solicit contributions to place a LEE fellow in the First District City Council Office.

Motion to approve the solicitation application was properly moved and seconded. Motion passed

unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on September 4, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

Move to adjourn at 2:44p.m.