

Baltimore City Ethics Board Meeting
626 City Hall Baltimore, MD 21202
September 5, 2018

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on September 5, 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 3:04 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board Members: Lu Pierson, Stephan Fogleman, Teresa Epps Cummings and Sabrina Johnson. Also present was Guy Flynn by telephone. Avery Aisenstark, Ethics Director, and new hires, Anthony DeFranco and Amy Rappole were also present.

Approval of the minutes: Approval of the minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting were tabled.

Chair's report: No report.

Director's Status Updates:

- a. Meet and greet new DLR staff.
- b. Lobbying Transparency Bill - 3rd reader to occur at next council meeting in September.
- c. Regulation to Exempt Housing Trust Fund Commissioners was discussed. Fogleman moved to approve proposed broader expanded language. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Letter to solicitor was reviewed. After review by all, Pierson made motion for approval, which passed unanimously.

Solicitations/Complaints:

- a. Councilmember Burnett-Back-to-School Campaign: Board suggests that they submit their reports when they submit a request. Turner moved to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Emerging Technology Centers-Funds for ETC Programs: No report from last year because they did not raise any funds. Therefore, this request is for two years. Pierson moved to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Pres. Young-P.L.A.Y. Campaign: Reports have been filed. Pierson moved to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Carolyn Mozell (Pres.Ofc.)-Suited to Succeed: Pierson moved to approve the request and include a letter requesting that they use the current application in the future. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Damion Cooper (Pres. Ofc.)-Project Pneuma: Cooper is the only director. The charity is back in good standing with the state. Last year, the charity received \$10,000 from one controlled donor-Under Armour. The director to get clarification on rent and salary. Board will then discuss approval via email.

f. Liam Davis (Pre. Ofc.)-Greater Greektown N'hood Alliance: It has been suggested that the applicant select one fundraising goal amount between \$5,000 and \$50,000. Pierson moved to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.

Note: The Director's approval letter will remind applicants to file reports on time, otherwise future requests will be denied. This reminder will be bolded and placed at the bottom of the letter.

Upcoming meeting- The next board meeting will be October 3, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.