

Baltimore City Ethics Board
626 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202
November 6, 2019

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on November 6, 2019 at 2:30 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 2:29 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Stephan Fogleman and Theresa Epps Cummings. Anthony DeFranco, Deputy Ethics Director, was also present.

Approval of the minutes: Approval of the minutes of the October meeting was deferred by a vote of 3-0.

Chair's report: No report

Director's report:

The Deputy Director updated the Board on the lobbyist registration portal. He provided an update on the Online Financial Disclosure System overhaul, which has received full support from the Office of the Mayor.

He also advised the Board that the Ethics Board bill that would transfer staffing responsibilities to the Office of the Inspector General (19-0378) has not received a committee hearing yet.

Finally, he reported on the promulgation of the Financial Disclosure bill (19-0457) and requested if the Board had a position on the Financial Disclosure bill. By a vote of 3-0, the Board instructed staff to draft a letter taking a neutral position on the matter and expressing

concern regarding the reporting thresholds.

Solicitations:

City of Baltimore Development Corporation renewal – The Board approved the request by a vote of 3-0.

Trauma Informed Training Initiative (Councilman Cohen)
The Board approved the request by a vote of 3-0.

The Board entered Executive Session at 3:11 p.m. and exited Executive Session at 4:04 p.m.

Upcoming meeting- The next Board meeting will be December 11 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.