

Baltimore City Ethics Board
626 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202
April 12, 2017

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on April 12, 2017 at 3:00 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 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Dawna Cobb and Stephen Fogelman. Also present was Thaddeus Watulak, Deputy Director of the Ethics Board.

Approval of the minutes: Minutes of the March meeting with minor changes were approved by a vote of 3-0.

Chair's report: There is none.

Director's report

1. **Open complaint against KH-**The respondent has not responded to Mr. Watulak's letter asking for a response to the complaint. Nor has Mr. Watulak received a final report from the complainant's agency regarding its investigation into the grievance. Mr. Watulak will follow up with the agency's Human Resources department about the grievance and will ask for better contact information for the respondent. If the agency will not provide that address, the Board will send by certified mail a copy of the letter that was sent earlier to confirm that the respondent received the initial letter requesting a response.

2. **2017 Financial disclosure filings-** the filings are coming in. All agencies but the Department of Transportation (DOT) have

provided a list of those employees who are required to file the disclosure. DOT expects to provide its list this week.

3. Board vacancies-Deputy Mayor, Jim Smith, has contacted Avery Aisenstark for more information about the process of filling two vacancies. There has been no communication from the Comptroller's Office about its appointee to the Board.

4. Updating notices to new appointees-Mr. Aisenstark is consulting with the Mayor's Office to make sure notice regarding possible conflicts is given to nominees for Boards and Commissions.

5. Solicitations

Baltimore Corps- Councilman Cohen's Office-A motion to approve the solicitation was made and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Edmondson Village Community Health Alliance (EDVCHA)-Councilmember Burnett's Office-A motion to approve the solicitation was approved by a vote of 3-0.

6. Opinion request-A discussion of this was postponed.

7. Upcoming meeting- May 10 at 3 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.