

Baltimore City Ethics Board
626 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202
July 18, 2017

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on July 18, 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 3:05 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Dawna Cobb and Stephen Fogelman. Avery Aisenstark Executive Director of the Ethics Board and Thaddeus Watulak, Deputy Ethics Director were also present.

Approval of the minutes: Minutes of the July meeting with minor changes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Chair's report: The Mayor has nominated Theresa S. Cummings to fill Ms. Cobb's spot on the board. Her hearing is scheduled for September 13, 2017. The Comptroller is expected to nominate someone in August.

Director's report:

1. Liquor Board legislation- A bill that conforms the City Ethics Code to State law was introduced last night and a hearing will be held next week.

2. The board's most recent opinion is on the website.

3. Nominees- the hearings on the nominees referenced above will be in September and the earliest they can be confirmed is September 18, 2017.

Solicitations

P.L.A.Y. - This solicitation request was approved by a vote of 4-0.

E.T.C.- This solicitation request was approved; however, E.T.C. will be required to file an interim report at the \$5,000 -\$50,000 reporting level because it raised more than the estimated \$5,000 in the previous year.

Upcoming meeting- The next Board meeting will be August 15, 2017 if any requests for Board action are forthcoming. Otherwise the Board will meet on September 6, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.