

Baltimore City Ethics Board
626 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202
June 7, 2016

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on June 7, 2016 at 1:30 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 1:30 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Dawna Cobb and Guy Flynn.¹ Also present were Avery Aisenstark, Executive Director of the Ethics Board, Thaddeus Watulak, Deputy Director of the Ethics Board and Stephan Fogleman, prospective Board member.

A. Approval of Minutes from May-The Board approved the May 2016 minutes with a minor change by a vote of 3-0.

B. Chair's Report-There is no report.

C. Director's Status Updates

1. Pending Legislation- Bill 15-0568- Mr. Watulak did meet with Ms. Talley, President Young and Kara Kunst. Ms. Talley described the challenges the bill presents to the Human Resources Department. The President is supportive of the bill. The meeting concluded with the President proposing that Ms. Talley submit language that would be acceptable to her department. To date, the language has not been received and if it is not received the President's office is leaning toward submitting the bill as is.

¹ Mr. Flynn attended by phone.

2. New Board Member-Mr. Stephan Fogleman learned he was confirmed on June 6, 2017. He has not been sworn in yet. He shared some of his background and stated that he was excited to join the Board.

4. Financial Disclosure Filing-Mr. Watulak reported that 2119 electronic financial disclosure forms were filed and 40 paper forms. Another half dozen haven been received. The overall filing numbers is up, 98.2% were filed electronically.

5. Request from IG's office- The Chair directed Mr. Watulak to provide the requested confidential document because it will remain confidential as provided by law.

6. Solicitation Requests-The Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development-Supplier Diversity Week. A motion to approve the solicitation was made and approved by a vote of 3-0.

7. President's Office-An aide approached Mr. Watulak with a request for a clarification on whether every staff member of his office should be treated as an agent or employee of the Board of Estimates. Those who do BOE-related work would be subject to the non-participation requirements. Mr. Watulak asked the staffer for more details, which have yet to be received. It is the Board staff's understanding that the responsibilities of agency staff are clearly delineated. It is the sense of the Board that an agency head's other affiliations will not be attributed to the employee/staff.

8. The next meeting will be July 13 at 1 p.m.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15. p.m.