

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

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on January 2, 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 2:37 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Stephan Fogleman, Guy Flynn, Sabrina Turner and Teresa Cummings. Avery Aisenstark, Ethics Director, and Anthony DeFranco, Deputy Ethics Director, were also present.

Approval of the minutes: Approval of the minutes of the February meeting was deferred until the next meeting by a vote of 5-0.

The Board entered Executive Session at 2:42 p.m. to discuss the request for opinion in the Matter of J.F. The Board exited Executive Session at 3:17 p.m.

Chair's report: The Chair updated her report on jurisdictional differences with ethics boards throughout the state. The Chair proposed to adopt the provision of COMAR 19A.0201.03. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the adoption thereof.

The Board re-entered Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. to further discuss the Matter of J.F. and exited Executive Session at 3:40 p.m.

The Board voted to grant a secondary employment exemption in the Matter of J.F. pursuant to the adoption of the provisions of COMAR 19A.0201.03 by a vote of 5-0. Staff will communicate to J.F. the Board's findings.

Director's report:

The Director reported on the passage of Council Bill 19-0336 ("Public Ethics Law – Conforming Modifications").

Solicitations:

Neighborhood Association Fund – (Councilman Cohen): The Board approved the request by a vote of 5-0.

Upcoming meeting- The next Board meeting will be April 3, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.