

Baltimore City Ethics Board  
626 City Hall  
Baltimore MD 21202  
July 10, 2012

**Minutes of the Public Session**

The Ethics Board met on July 10, 2012 in the Conference Room of the Office of Department of Legislative Reference, 626 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland.

Call to Order: Chairwoman Linda Pierson called to order the meeting of the Baltimore City Ethics Board at 9:32 a.m. on July 10, 2012 with a quorum present. Present were Board members Linda Pierson, Jennifer Burdick, Guy Flynn, and Dawna Cobb. Newly nominated board member, Ms. Alicia Wilson was also present. Also present were Director Avery Aisenstark, Deputy Director Thaddeus Watulak, Stephen Janis, Fox 45, Marissa Jarosinski, intern with Ms. Trueheart, Ms. Trueheart and Mayoral Fellow Olesya Vernyi.

A. Approval of the minutes: June 2012 minutes were approved as amended by a vote of 3-0. (Mr. Flynn arrived at the meeting after this vote was taken.)

B. Chair's report: None.

C. Director's Report:

1. Mr. Aisenstark had a follow up meeting with Department of Finance regarding the list of entities doing business with the City. Mr. Aisenstark expects to receive on a quarterly basis a letter from Henry Raymond, Deputy Director that will summarize who is doing business with the City.

2. The City Council President has agreed to introduce the Board's proposed bill regarding the standard for determining who is doing business with the City.

3. The Mayor's staff is still reviewing a proposed bill that closes loop holes regarding City employees doing business with the agency that employs them.

4. An opinion on purchase of city owned property is in progress.

D. Financial Disclosure Review by Supervisors and other recommendations based on best practices: Ms. Vernyi's research indicates that agency heads are not in favor of supervisors reviewing the financial disclosure forms prepared by their employees citing privacy concerns. Ms. Vernyi's research supports her recommendation that donors and

their affiliations be identified as well as the date of any gift. Many filers are confused about the section of the form that requires disclosure of real estate holdings. One suggestion would be to limit the number of years that the real estate has been disclosed.

E. Annual Draft Review- A draft of the annual report was reviewed. Another draft will be circulated.

F. Complaints by R.C. This person has raised two complaints. One is against a city Schools' investigator, Jose Rosado, and the other is against Edward Jones, a Baltimore City police officer. A motion was made to refer the complaint regarding Mr. Rosado to the School System's ethics board. Ms. Burdick recused herself from the discussion because she has a contract with the City School System to conduct EEO investigations. The motion was approved 3-0. The Board has directed Mr. Aisenstark to advise R.C. that the Board does not find that his complaint against the Baltimorecity police officer alleges an ethics code violation.

G. A motion was made to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing an opinion and complaint. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote at 10:50 am. The Board returned to open session at 11:30 a.m.

H. Discussion of request for legislation from the Council President's office regarding gifts from other state agencies. The Board directed Staff to draft an amendment to the regulation.

The Board's next meeting will be August 14, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.55 a.m.