

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

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on September 7, 2016 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 3:10 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Dawna Cobb, Stephen Fogelman and Guy Flynn. Also present was Thaddeus Watulak, Deputy Director of the Ethics Board.

A. Approval of Minutes from July -The Board approved the July 2016 minutes by a vote of 4-0.

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

C. Director's Status Updates

1. **Pending Legislation- Bill 16-0613-** This bill has passed.
2. **Pending Legislation-Bill 15- 0568** -This bill is still pending.
3. **Work Place Giving change to regulation**-These changes are not on line yet, but have been approved. There will be some renumbering of the existing regulation to accommodate this change.

D. Jeff Raymond of the DPW inquired whether accepting \$1,000 worth of materials as compensation for not providing water bottles that were ordered for a DPW public event was permitted under the Ethics Law. The Board discussed the issue and voted 4-0 to advise DPW that accepting the materials would constitute a gift from a

controlled donor and that it could proceed through the regular waiver process.

D. Solicitation Requests

- 1. P.L.A.Y.-** This request was approved by a vote of 4-0.
- 2. Recreation and Parks-**A motion to approve the request with the advice that the department's report has to include the name of all donors was approved by a vote of 3-1.
- 3. Suited To Succeed-** This request was approved by a vote of 4-0
- 4. Mayor's Office request for an event for BCPS principals.**
The Board had approved this by e-mail between meetings and at this meeting its approval was confirmed by a vote of 4-0.

E. The next meeting will be October 5 at 3 pm.

F. The meeting was adjourned 3:53 p.m.