

Baltimore City Ethics Board
626 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202
November 14, 2014

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on November 14, 2014 in the Conference Room of the Department of Legislative Reference, 626 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland.

Call to Order Dawna Cobb called to order the meeting of the Baltimore City Ethics Board at 9:48 a.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Guy Flynn, Dawna Cobb and Jennifer Burdick. Also present was Avery Aisenstark, Director of the Ethics Board and Thaddeus Watulak, Deputy Director of the Ethics Board.

A. Approval of Minutes from October 2014: The Board approved the minutes as amended with by a vote of 3-0.¹

B. Chair's Report: No report.

C. Director's Status Updates

- The Director's meeting with the Mayor to discuss various Ethics Board matters was postponed until November 18.
- Updates to the electronic filing system – Mr. Watulak reported: 1) he is working on getting a terminal set up in City Hall room 626 that will allow people to look up filed financial disclosure forms and the relevant code; 2) the consultant that created the on-line financial disclosure form-EastBanc—will turn over source code to MOIT. This will enable MOIT to provide technical support. Together they will make small upgrades to the system. These include simplifying the password setting process and addressing the number of characters that can be put on the electronic form.
- The Inspector General (IG) has not heard back from JP's attorney who has been on sabbatical for the past month. The Board expressed impatience and asked staff to prod the IG to follow up with JP's attorney.

D. Solicitation Requests

- 1) Mayor's Happy Holidays Baltimore Celebration-approved by a vote of 4-0
- 2) Journey Home-approved by a vote of 4-0 on the condition that a missing signature

¹ Ms. Pierson joined the meeting.

page is obtained.

- 3) Mayor's Office of Health, Human Services, Education and Youth- Success Mentors - approved by a vote 4-0. Mr. Vu Dang will be invited to the next meeting to provide a final report on the Step UP program approved some time ago.

E. The next Board meeting will be December 9 at 9:30 a.m.

F. A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 11:10 a.m.