

Baltimore City Ethics Board
626 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202
December 11, 2012

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on December 12, 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 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Linda Pierson, Jennifer Burdick, Dawna Cobb, Guy Flynn and Alicia Wilson. Also present were Director Avery Aisenstark and Deputy Director Thaddeus Watulak.

A. Approval of the minutes- October minutes were approved with minor corrections by a vote of 5-0. November minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0. Ms. Cobb did not vote on the November minutes because she was not present for that meeting.

B. Closed session-At 10:15 a motion to close the meeting to discuss a potential investigation was made and approved by a vote of 5-0. A motion to return to open session was made at 10:18 and approved by a vote of 5-0.

C. Chair's Report-no report.

D. Director's Status Updates-

The Board's annual report was distributed to all 15 members of the city council and all members of the Board of Estimates, which includes the Mayor. It is now posted on the website. Ms. Burdick and Ms. Wilson will draft a list of people who should receive a copy of the report.

E. Discussion of address confidentiality for financial disclosure forms. This issue has been raised by the new Police Commission who for security reasons does not want to list his home address on his financial disclosure form. Mr. Aisenstark talked to the State Ethics Commission (SEC) about this issue. The SEC form collects addresses but a filer can substitute the identity of the property for the actual address. Ms. Pierson recommended that the Board research how those agencies that require address disclosure by judges and other members of law enforcement handle this issue.

F. Solicitation Requests

Youth Works : The Board approved a request from the Mayor's Office of Employment and Development for the by a vote of 5-0.

G. Close session- At 10:45 a.m., a motion to go into executive session to consider ongoing reviews and a complaint by BV was approved by a vote of 5-0. The Board voted to return to the open session at 11.48 a.m.

The next meeting will be on January 8, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.and several members left to attend the city council hearing on pending ethics board bills.