

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, November 12, 2007  
Laurel, Maryland

Chair Adrienne A. Mandel called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Richard G. Hocevar Building, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707, with due notice having been given to all members of the Commission and the public. She then asked for a moment of silence in honor of the nations veterans as the meeting was being held on Veterans Day.

In addition to Chair Mandel, Vice Chair Joyce Starks, Prem Agarwal, Norman Pruitt and Gene Counihan were present. Also present were Andy Brunhart, General Manager; Jerry Blask, General Counsel; and Charlett Bundy, Corporate Secretary. Attorney Franklin Lee, outside counsel who assisted with the development of a draft Small, Local, Minority Business Program was also in attendance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Agarwal moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Pruitt seconded the motion. The motion carried with five affirmative votes.

**General Counsel's Office**

At the request of General Counsel Blask, Attorney Franklin Lee explained the legal theory for merging WSSC's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program with the Small, Local, Business Enterprise (SLBE) Program. Representatives of businesses that have or have had WSSC contracts were present to ask questions and make statements about their concerns regarding the MBE and SLBE programs at WSSC. Thereafter, the meeting was closed so Mr. Lee could provide the new Commissioners details of his legal opinion that was attorney/client privileged information.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 2:52 p.m. Commissioner Starks moved to close the meeting pursuant to the Maryland Code Annotated, Subtitle 5 of Title 10 of the State Government Article, Maryland Code, Section 10-508(a)(7) to discuss counsel's legal opinion on the options for creating an minority business enterprise (MBE) program and a small, local, business enterprise (SLMBE) program at WSSC. Commissioner Pruitt seconded the motion which carried with five affirmative votes.

The closed session attendees included Chair Mandel, Vice Chair Starks, Commissioners Agarwal, Pruitt and Counihan. Mr. Brunhart, Mr. Blask and Mr. Lee. Ms. Bundy were present and Towanda McNeill, Director of the SLMBE Office was also present.

**General Counsel's Office**

**MBE Program.** Mr. Lee provided Commissioners legal advice about adopting a MBE/SLMBE Program at WSSC.

**MOTION TO END THE CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Agarwal moved to end the closed session at 4:04 p.m. and resume the public meeting. Vice Chair Starks seconded the motion. There were five affirmative votes so the motion carried. At 4:04 p.m. the open session resumed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Agarwal moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Starks seconded the motion. The motion carried with five affirmative votes. At 4:07 p.m. Chair Mandel declared the meeting was adjourned.

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Charlett Bundy  
Corporate Secretary