

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Laurel, Maryland

The Board of Ethics (“Board”) met via videoconference to conduct an Open Session pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13).

Chair Pruden called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. with the following

members present:

George Pruden II, Chair
Steven Hausman, Member
Jeffrey Hysen, Member
Chandria Slaughter, Alternate Member.

Also present:

Angelique Dorsey White, Ethics Officer
Latonya Allen, Administrative Assistant
Rahel Kifle, Associate General Counsel and Acting Counsel to the Board.

Open Session

Approval of Open Session Minutes – October 6, 2021

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the October 6, 2021 meeting.

On motion of Mr. Hysen and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to approve the October Open Session Minutes as amended.

Matters of Discussion

Ethics Program Monthly Report

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on the activities in the Ethics Office for October 2021. She reported that she provided ethics training to 13 new employees as part of the onboarding process.

Ms. Dorsey White also shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 8 matters, of which the leading categories were Disclosure Statements, Misuse of Office, and Outside Employment/Interests. She stated that the number of requests for guidance tend to decrease at this time of year.

Informational Items

Delinquent Financial Disclosure Filer(s)

Ms. Allen stated that there were no overdue financial disclosure filers to report.

Closed Session Approval

At 1:17 p.m., on motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to approve October 6, 2021 Closed Session Minutes; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.110 to address four Complaints; and General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7) to obtain legal advice regarding four Complaints, and Potential Complaints / Confidential Legal Investigations.

Attendees: Chair George Pruden; Member Steven Hausman; Member Jeffrey Hysen; and Alternate Member Chandria Slaughter. Staff present: Ethics Officer Angelique Dorsey White; Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen; and Associate General Counsel Rahel Kifle.

Closed Session

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – October 6, 2021

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the October 6, 2021 meeting.

On motion of Mr. Hysen and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to approve the October Closed Session Minutes.

Complaint C-20-07

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this complaint.

Complaint C-21-02

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this complaint.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to extend the deadline for receiving the preliminary report to the January 2022 meeting for good cause shown.

Complaint C-21-03

The Board considered the evidence presented at the October 13, 2021 hearing held on this complaint.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to find that the Respondent had violated Code Chapter 1.70.200(f). The Board will render its written decision following the January 2022 meeting.

Complaint C-21-06

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this complaint.

Potential Complaints / Confidential Legal Investigations

Potential Complaint #7

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this matter.

Adjournment

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m.



Angelique Dorsey White, Esq.
Ethics Officer