

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, July 21, 2022
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 George Pruden called the meeting to order at 1:03 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
Russel Beers, Deputy General Counsel to the Board
Latonya Allen, Administrative Assistant
Larry Carr, OIG Criminal Investigator.

Open Session

Approval of Open Session Minutes – June 8, 2022

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting.

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

Matters of Discussion

Ethics Program Monthly Report

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on the activities in the Ethics Office for June 2022. She reported that she provided ethics training to 8 new employees as part of the onboarding process.

Ms. Dorsey White shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 44 matters, of which the leading categories were Disclosure Statements and Outside Employment / Interests. She also reported that she presented Disclosure Matters as the Ethics Spotlight topic at the July 20, 2022 Commission meeting.

Informational Items

Delinquent Financial Disclosure Filer(s)

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

Closed Session Approval

At 1:28 p.m., on motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to enter into closed session to approve June 8, 2022 Closed Session Minutes and General Provisions

Article § 3-305(b)(7) to obtain legal advice regarding Potential Complaints / Legal Investigations.

Attendees: Chair George Pruden; Member Steven Hausman; Member Jeffrey Hysen; and Alternate Member Chandria Slaughter. Staff present: Ethics Officer Angelique Dorsey White; Counsel to the Board Russel Beers; and Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – June 8, 2022

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting.

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

Potential Complaint #4

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this matter.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to file a complaint on its own motion pursuant to Code of Ethics Ch.1.70.080(b) for a violation of Ch. 1.70.180(a).

Potential Complaint #5

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this matter.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted that there was reasonable cause to believe that a violation of Code § 1.70.210 has occurred in accordance with Code §1.70.080(c).

Potential Complaint #6

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of this matter.

Litigation Update A

Mr. Beers provided an overview of matter.

Litigation Update B

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of this matter.

Mr. Beers left the meeting at 3:15 p.m. due to a conflict with the next matter.

Litigation Update C

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of 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 3:26 p.m.



Angelique Dorsey White, Esq.
Ethics Officer