

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday November 9, 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 1:00 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, Legal Counsel to the Board
Latonya Allen, Administrative Assistant.

Open Session

Approval of Open Session Minutes – October 12, 2022

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the October 12, 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 October Open Session Minutes.

Matters of Discussion

Ethics Program Monthly Report

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on the activities in the Ethics Office for October 2022. She reported that she provided ethics training to 26 new employees as part of the onboarding process.

Ms. Dorsey White shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 27 matters, of which the leading categories were Disclosure Statements and Lobbying.

Finally, Ms. Dorsey White shared that she will present the quarterly Ethics Spotlight at the November 16, 2022 Commission meeting. The topic will be Gifts and Donations.

Chair Pruden asked for an update on the outside employment approval applications. Ms. Dorsey White responded that 109 applications have been approved. Of those, 38 percent are approved with conditions and 62 percent are approved without conditions.

Informational Items

Delinquent Financial Disclosure Filer(s)

Ms. Allen reported that there were no overdue financial disclosure filers.

Closed Session Approval

At 1:16 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 October 12, 2022 Closed Session Minutes; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.110 to address five Complaints; and General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7) to obtain legal advice regarding five Complaints and 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; Legal Counsel to the Board Russel Beers; Associate General Counsel Nancy Lineman; Retained Investigative Counsel Darryl McCallum; Retained Investigative Counsel Steven Wrobel; and Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – October 12, 2022

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the October 12, 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 October Closed Session Minutes.

Complaint C-22-06

Retained Investigative Counsel Darryl McCallum joined the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Mr. McCallum provided an update on this case.

On motion of Mr. Hysen and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to grant additional time for completion of the investigation and presentation of the preliminary report to the

February 2023 meeting for good cause shown pursuant to Code Chapter

1.65.070(b)(5)(ii).

Complaint C-22-07

Mr. McCallum provided an update on this case.

On motion of Mr. Hysen and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to grant additional time for completion of the investigation and presentation of the preliminary report to the February 2023 meeting for good cause shown pursuant to Code Chapter

1.65.070(b)(5)(ii).

Mr. McCallum left the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Complaint C-22-08

Retained Investigative Counsel Steven Wrobel arrived at 1:48 p.m.

Mr. Wrobel provided an update on this case.

On motion of Mr. Hysen and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to schedule a hearing to take place in early 2023.

Mr. Wrobel left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Complaint C-22-09

Associate General Counsel Nancy Lineman arrived at 2:54 p.m.

Ms. Lineman provided an update on this case.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to dismiss the complaint pursuant to Code Chapter 1.70.080(e).

Complaint C-22-10

Ms. Lineman provided an update on this case.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to dismiss the complaint pursuant to Code Chapter 1.70.080(e).

Ms. Lineman left the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Potential Complaints / Legal Investigations

The Board discussed the requirement to file a final financial disclosure by a particular former employee.

On motion of Mr. Hysen and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to consider the last financial disclosure statement filed by employee as satisfying the requirement to file a final statement.

Additionally, Mr. Beers provided an update on pending legal matters.

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 3:21 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Angelique Dorsey White". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Angelique Dorsey White, Esq.
Ethics Officer