

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Laurel, Maryland

The Board of Ethics (“Board”) met virtually 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 1:02 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
Tamika Taylor, Office of Inspector General Counsel.

Open Session

Approval of Open Session Minutes – January 11, 2023

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the January 11, 2023 meeting.

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

Approval of Open Session Minutes – January 31, 2023

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the January 31, 2023 meeting.

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

Matters of Discussion

Ethics Program Monthly Report

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on the activities in the Ethics Office for January 2023. She reported that she provided ethics training to 23 new employees as part of the onboarding process.

Ms. Dorsey White shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 28 matters, of which the leading categories were Disclosure Statements, Lobbying Activity, and Soliciting or Acceptance of Gifts.

Ms. Dorsey White also informed the Board that General Counsel Amanda Conn will be presenting the Ethics Spotlight at the Commission meeting on February 15, 2023. The title of the spotlight is “Lobbyists & WSSC Water”. She added that lobbyist activity reports for July 2022 to December 2022 were due on January 31, 2023.

Informational Items

Delinquent Financial Disclosure Filer(s)

Ms. Allen reported that there were two delinquent financial disclosure filers.

Closed Session Approval

At 1:21 p.m., on motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to conduct a Closed Session to approve January 11 and 31, 2023 Closed Session Minutes; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.110 to address three Complaints; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.070 to address one Waiver Request; and General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7) to obtain legal advice regarding three Complaints, one Waiver Request, 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; Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen; and Associate General Counsel Nancy Lineman.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – January 11, 2023

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the January 11, 2023 meeting.

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

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – January 31, 2023

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the January 31, 2023 meeting.

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

Complaint C-22-08

Ms. Dorsey White 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 this case pursuant to WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.080(e).

Complaint C-22-11

Associate Counsel Nancy Lineman arrived at 1:28 p.m.

Ms. Lineman 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 dismiss this case pursuant to WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.080(e).

Ms. Lineman left the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Complaint C-23-01

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this case.

Waiver Request W-23-01

Ms. Dorsey White 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 grant the Waiver Request.

Potential Complaints / Legal Investigations

Potential Complaint #2

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of this matter.

Legal Investigations

Mr. Beers provided updates on current legal investigations.

Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Hysen and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angelique Dorsey White". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Angelique Dorsey White, Esq.
Ethics Officer