

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023  
Laurel, Maryland

The Board of Ethics (“Board”) met in person to conduct an Open Session pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Open Meetings Act, § 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 (virtual)  
Chandria Slaughter, Alternate Member (virtual).

Also present:

Angelique Dorsey White, Ethics Officer  
Heather Ashbury, Acting Legal Counsel to the Board  
Latonya Allen, Administrative Assistant.

**Open Session**

**Approval of Open Session Minutes – August 8, 2023**

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the August 8, 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 August Open Session Minutes.

**Matters of Discussion**

**Ethics Program Monthly Report**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on the activities in the Ethics Office for August 2023. She reported that she provided ethics training to 21 new employees as part of the onboarding process.

Ms. Dorsey White shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 14 matters. The categories that received the most inquiries were Outside Employment/Interests, Disclosure Statements, and General Inquiry/Administration.

**Delinquent Financial Disclosure Filer(s)**

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

**Closed Session Approval**

At 1:10 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 pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Open Meetings Act, § 3-305(b)(13) to approve August 8, 2023 Closed Session Minutes; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.110 to address one Complaint; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1)(ii) to discuss a personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; and General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice regarding one Complaint, a Personnel Matter, 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; Acting Legal Counsel to the Board Heather Ashbury; Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen; and Retained Legal Counsel to the Board Margaret Ann Nolan.

**Closed Session**

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes – August 8, 2023**

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the August 8, 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 August Closed Session Minutes.

**Personnel Matter**

The Board discussed the personnel matter.

**Potential Complaints**

**Potential Complaint #9**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of 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. 1.70.340(c).

**Potential Complaint #10**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of 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. 1.70.340(c).

**Potential Complaint #11**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of 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. 1.70.340(c).

**Potential Complaint #12**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of 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. 1.70.340(c).

**Legal Investigations**

There were no updates on legal investigations.

**Complaint C-23-01**

Due to being recused from this case, Ms. Dorsey White and Ms. Ashbury left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Ms. Nolan arrived at 1:56 p.m.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to ratify the agreement to hold the hearing in this case on November 9, 2023.

**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 2:09 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angelique Dorsey White", is written over a horizontal line.

Angelique Dorsey White, Esq.  
Ethics Officer