

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, July 9, 2025
Commissioners Conference Room
Laurel, Maryland

The Board of Ethics ("Board") met in person and virtually to conduct an Open Session pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, Title 3, Open Meetings Act, § 3-305(b)(13).

Chair Pruden called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. with the following members present:

George Pruden II, Chair
Steven Hausman, Member
Jeffrey Hysen, Member (virtual)
Chandria Slaughter, Alternate Member

Also present:

Angelique Dorsey White, Ethics Officer
Lisa Arnquist, Legal Counsel to the Board
Latonya Allen, Administrative Assistant.

Open Session

Approval of Open Session Minutes – June 11, 2025

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the June 11, 2025 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 11, 2025 Open Session Minutes.

Approval of Open Session Minutes – June 16, 2025

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the June 16, 2025 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 16, 2025 Open Session Minutes.

Matters of Discussion

Ethics Program Monthly Report

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on Ethics Office activities for June 2025. She reported that she provided ethics training to 16 new employees and 71 summer interns. Dr. Hausman asked whether the summer interns are paid. Ms. Dorsey White replied that they do receive compensation.

Ms. Dorsey White also shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 7 matters. The categories that received the most inquiries in equal amounts were Disclosure Statements and Outside Employment / Interests.

Delinquent Financial Disclosure Filer(s)

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

Closed Session Approval

Chair Pruden stated that he had reviewed and approved the closing statement.

At 11:48 a.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 June 11 and June 16, 2025 Closed Session Minutes; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.110 to address seven Complaints; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.060 to address one Advisory Opinion request; 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 obtain legal advice regarding seven Complaints, one Advisory Opinion request, and a personnel matter.

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 Lisa Arnquist; Retained Investigative Counsel Steven Wrobel; Associate General Counsel Nancy Lineman; Associate General Counsel Heather Ashbury; Legal Assistant Myesha Davis; and Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen.*

Closed Session

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – June 11, 2025

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the June 11, 2025 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 11, 2025 Closed Session Minutes.

* The Respondent and the Respondent's representative in Complaint C-24-08 attended the Closed Session during consideration of that matter. The names are not listed in accordance with Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.110(a)(2).

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – June 16, 2025

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the June 16, 2025 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 11, 2025 Closed Session Minutes as amended.

Complaint C-25-02

Retained Investigative Counsel Steven Wrobel arrived at 12:02 p.m.

Mr. Wrobel provided an update on this investigation.

On motion of Mr. Hysen and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to conclude the investigation.

Complaint C-25-03

Mr. Wrobel provided an update on this investigation.

Complaint C-25-04

Mr. Wrobel provided an update on this investigation.

Complaint C-25-05

Mr. Wrobel provided an update on this investigation.

Complaint C-25-06

Mr. Wrobel provided an update on this investigation.

Mr. Wrobel left the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Complaint C-25-01

Ms. Dorsey White 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, for good cause shown pursuant to WSSC Code Ch. 1.65.070(b)(5)(ii), to extend the time for receiving the preliminary report to August 30, 2025, with presentation at the September 2025 meeting.

Advisory Opinion A-25-01

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 approve the advisory opinion for distribution and publishing to the Board of Ethics webpage.

Personnel Matters

Ms. Allen and Ms. Slaughter left the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

The Board discussed this matter.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to delegate to Chair Pruden the task of conveying the Board's sentiments and completing the review process.

Ms. Slaughter returned to the meeting at 2:00 p.m. after the discussion concluded.

Complaint C-24-08


Ms. Nancy Lineman, Associate General Counsel Heather Ashbury, Legal Assistant Myesha Davis, the Respondent, and Respondent's representative joined the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

The parties discussed this matter with the Board.

Ms. Lineman, Ms. Ashbury, Ms. Davis, the Respondent, and Respondent's representative left the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

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 3:43 p.m.


Angelique Dorsey White Esq.
Ethics Officer