

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Commissioners Conference Room
and
Virtual via Teams Platform
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 1:09 p.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
Tamika Taylor, Office of Inspector General Associate General Counsel (virtual)
Latonya Allen, Administrative Assistant.

Open Session

Approval of Open Session Minutes – August 13, 2025

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the August 13, 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 August 13, 2025 Open Session Minutes.

Matters of Discussion

Ethics Program Monthly Report

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on Ethics Office activities for August 2025. She reported that she conducted ethics training for 17 new employees as part of new employee orientation.

Ms. Dorsey White also shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 11 matters. The categories that received the most inquiries in equal numbers were Outside Employment / Interests and Soliciting or Acceptance of Gifts. Dr. Hausman asked why there were so many questions about gifts. Ms. Dorsey White explained that she sent a memorandum to the Senior Leadership Team and Communications about attending the Tri-Con Conference. Communications sent a summary to all staff emphasizing key points with her memo attached. This generated clarifying questions regarding door prizes and raffles.

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 1:25 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 13, 2025 Closed Session Minutes; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.110 to address two Complaints; 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 two Complaints, a personnel matter, and Potential Complaints.

Attendees: Chair George Pruden; Member Steven Hausman; Member Jeffrey Hysen (virtual); and Alternate Member Chandria Slaughter. Staff present: Ethics Officer Angelique Dorsey White; Legal Counsel to the Board Lisa Arnquist; Associate General Counsel Nancy Lineman; and Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen.

Closed Session

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – August 13, 2025

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the August 13, 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 August 13, 2025 Closed Session Minutes as amended.

Complaint C-25-01

Associate General Counsel Nancy Lineman arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Lineman provided an update on this case.

Ms. Lineman left the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Hysen and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to dismiss the complaint pursuant to Code Ch. 1.70.080(e)(1).

Complaint C-24-08

The Board discussed this case.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hausman, Hysen, and Pruden) voted to extend the time by five days for issuing the final hearing decision and order.

Personnel Matters

There were no personnel matters to discuss.

Potential Complaint PC2025-08

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 decline filing a complaint due to insufficient facts.

Potential Complaint PC2025-07

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this matter.

Legal Investigations

There were no legal investigations to discuss.

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 1:52 p.m.



Angelique Dorsey White, Esq.
Ethics Officer