

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
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 1:11 p.m. with the following members present:

George Pruden II, Chair
Steven Hausman, Member
Michael Kraft, Member (virtual)
Chandria Slaughter, Alternate Member.

Also present:

Angelique Dorsey White, Ethics Officer
Lisa Arnquist, Legal Counsel to the Board
Denesha James, Associate General Counsel for Ethics
Latonya Allen, Administrative Assistant
Jon Rymer, Inspector General
Tamika Taylor, Office of Inspector General Associate General Counsel.

Open Session

Approval of Open Session Minutes – December 10, 2025

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the December 10, 2025 meeting.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Kraft, three members of the Board (Hausman, Kraft, and Pruden) voted to approve the December 10, 2025, Open Session Minutes.

Matters of Discussion

Ethics Program Monthly Report

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on Ethics Office activities for December 2025. She reported that ethics training was provided to 10 employees as part of new employee orientation. She added that Ms. James has been conducting the last few sessions.

Ms. Dorsey White shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 22 matters. The category that received the most inquiries was Soliciting or Acceptance of Gifts. Regarding gifts, Ms. Dorsey White stated that she currently had perishable gifts in her office that various employees have received. She plans to distribute the contents at upcoming staff events.

The quarterly ethics program report was distributed. Ms. Dorsey White stated that she will be presenting it at the January 21, 2026, Commission meeting. She highlighted the status of the pending annual disclosure platform, shared that there is 94 percent compliance to the mandatory annual training for all employees, and stated that the annual report is due for publication on April 30, 2026.

Closed Session Approval

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

At 1:32 p.m., on motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Kraft, three members of the Board (Hausman, Kraft, 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 December 10, 2025 Closed Session Minutes; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.210 to address confidential preliminary inquiries; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1)(ii) to discuss a personnel matter for an individual over whom the Board of Ethics has jurisdiction; and General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7) to obtain legal advice regarding confidential preliminary inquiries and legal investigations.

Attendees: Chair George Pruden; Member Steven Hausman; Member Michael Kraft (virtual); and Alternate Member Chandria Slaughter. Staff present: Ethics Officer Angelique Dorsey White; Legal Counsel to the Board Lisa Arnquist; Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen; Inspector General Jon Rymer; and Associate General Counsel for the Office of Inspector General Tamika Taylor.

Closed Session

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – December 10, 2025

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the December 10, 2025 meeting.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Kraft, three members of the Board (Hausman, Kraft, and Pruden) voted to approve the December 10, 2025, Closed Session Minutes.

Preliminary Inquiries

PC2025-09

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Jon Rymer provided an update on this matter.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Kraft, three members of the Board (Hausman, Kraft, and Pruden) voted to file a complaint on its own motion pursuant to WSSC Code Ch. 1.70.080(b).

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PC2025-07

Ms. Dorsey White provided a summary of this matter.

Mr. Rymer and Ms. Taylor left the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Kraft, three members of the Board (Hausman, Kraft, and Pruden) voted to file a complaint on its own motion pursuant to WSSC Code Ch. 1.70.080(b).

Legal Counsel to the Board Lisa Arnquist joined the meeting at 3:15 p.m. and left at 3:28 p.m.

Legal Investigations

There were no updates on legal investigations.

Personnel Matters

Ms. Dorsey White referred to her confidential progress report. The Board did not have any questions.

Adjournment

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Kraft, three members of the Board (Hausman, Kraft, and Pruden) voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m.



Angelique Dorsey White, Esq.
Ethics Officer