

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
Commissioner's 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 1:19 p.m. with the following members present:

George Pruden II, Chair  
Steven Hausman, Member  
Michael Kraft, Member  
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 (virtual)  
Tamika Taylor, Office of Inspector General Associate General Counsel (virtual).

**Open Session**

**Approval of Open Session Minutes – January 14, 2026**

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the January 14, 2026 meeting.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Kraft, three members of the Board (Hausman, Kraft, and Pruden) voted to approve the January 14, 2026 Open Session Minutes.

**Matters of Discussion**

**Ethics Program Monthly Report**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on Ethics Office activities for January 2026. She reported that ethics training was provided to 19 employees as part of new employee orientation.

Ms. Dorsey White shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 12 matters. The category that received the most inquiries was Misuse of Office. She clarified that the inquiries were questions about how to avoid the various prohibitions contained under that heading in the Code of Ethics, not about specific employees who have misused the office.

**Annual Disclosure Project Update**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on the annual disclosure project with Corestream. She shared that the project is in the testing phase and will be active for use on April 1, 2026. Communication to employees regarding the new system is being developed. Ms. Dorsey White plans to demonstrate the system to the Board at the March meeting.

Chair Pruden asked about the manager review process. Ms. Dorsey White responded that the Commissioners have requested that all financial disclosures be reviewed in the Ethics Office. The Board expressed concerns about potential conflicts of interest not being noticed if managers are unable to review their

employees' disclosures. Ms. Dorsey White stated that any gaps in the process will be worked out after the deployment.

**Ethics-Related Legislation**

Ms. Dorsey White and Ms. Arnquist provided an overview of pending legislation in Maryland's General Assembly. The ethics-related bills address personnel disciplinary actions (PC/MC 104-26) and financial disclosure filings by candidates to serve as WSSC Water Commissioners (PC/MC 105-26).

Ms. Arnquist explained that the proposed bill PC/MC 104-26 would require WSSC to complete termination actions (including investigations) within 30 days, and suspensions without pay within 5 days of becoming aware of alleged misconduct. This is significantly shorter than the Board's complaint resolution process. The General Counsel's Office has worked with the Intergovernmental Relations Office to express their concerns and are working with lawmakers to negotiate a more reasonable deadline. This would also ensure the Board can withstand judicial review of the Ethics complaint process.

Ms. Dorsey White referred to the December 17, 2025, update to the Commissioners regarding PC/MC 105-26. She shared that this bill proposes to change who receives financial disclosures filed by Commissioner candidates with Prince George's County government. It would not affect the Ethics Office.

**Closed Session Approval**

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

At 2:04 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 January 14, 2026 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 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 three Complaints, one Waiver Request and Preliminary Inquiries.

**Attendees:** Chair George Pruden; Member Steven Hausman; Member Michael Kraft; and Alternate Member Chandria Slaughter. Staff present: Ethics Officer Angelique Dorsey White; Legal Counsel to the Board Lisa Arnquist; Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen (virtual); and Retained Legal Counsel to the Board Elissa Levan (virtual).

**Closed Session**

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes – January 14, 2026**

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the January 14, 2026 meeting.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Kraft, three members of the Board (Hausman, Kraft, and Pruden) voted to approve the January 14, 2026 Closed Session Minutes.

**Waiver Request W-26-01**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of this request.

**Preliminary Inquiry PI-2026-01**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of this matter.

**Preliminary Inquiry PI-2026-02**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of this matter.

Ms. Arnquist left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

**Complaint C-26-02**

Retained Legal Counsel to the Board Elissa Levan joined the meeting  
virtually at 3:24 p.m.

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this case.

**Complaint C-26-03**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this case.

**Complaint C-26-01**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this case.

**Potential Complaint PC2025-07**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on these matters.

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) for violation of Code Ch. 1.70.020(a) and (b) and Ch. 1.70.200(a).

Ms. Levan left the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

**Preliminary Inquiry PI-2026-03**

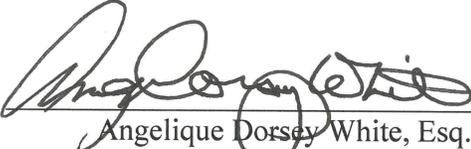
Ms. Dorsey White provided an overview of this matter.

**Personnel Matters**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this matter.

**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