

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

Board of Ethics

Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2026
Commissioner's Conference Room

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 Pruden called the meeting to order at 1:10 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.

Open Session

Approval of Open Session Minutes – May 13, 2026

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the May 13, 2026 meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kraft and seconded by Dr. Hausman, three members of the Board (Kraft, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to approve the May 13, 2026 Open Session Minutes.

Matters of Discussion

Ethics Program Monthly Report

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on Ethics Office activities for May 2026. She reported that ethics training was provided to 14 employees as part of new employee orientation.

Ms. Dorsey White shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 9 matters. The category that received the most inquiries was Public Contracting Ethics. She explained that the inquiries primarily were about whether a company's prior work on WSSC contracts precluded it from participating in a subsequent solicitation.

Closed Session Approval

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

At 1:16 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 April 8, 2026, Closed Session Minutes; General Provisions Article § 3- 305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.65.030(b)(2) to address one Complaint and confidential Preliminary Inquiries; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1)(ii) to discuss a personnel matter for a specific individual over whom the Board

of Ethics has jurisdiction; and General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7) to obtain legal advice regarding one Complaint and confidential Preliminary Inquiries.

Attendees: Chair George Pruden; Member Steven Hausman; Member Michael Kraft; and Alternate Member Chandria Slaughter. Staff present: Ethics Officer Angelique Dorsey White; Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen; Associate General Counsel for Ethics Denesha James; and Retained Legal Counsel to the Board Elissa Levan.

Closed Session

Approval of Closed Session Minutes – May 13, 2026

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the May 13, 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 May 13, 2026 Closed Session Minutes as submitted.

Complaint C-26-01

Staff 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 for good cause shown to grant the extension to present the preliminary report at the November 12, 2026 meeting.

Ms. James left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Preliminary Inquiry PI-2026-06

Staff provided an update on this matter.

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Kraft, three members of the Board voted to hold a special meeting to further discuss this matter.

Ms. Levan left the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Personnel Matters

The Board reviewed a personnel matter.

Dr. Hausman left the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion of Mr. Kraft and seconded by Chandria Slaughter, three members of the Board (Kraft, Slaughter, and Pruden) voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

Angelique Dorsey White, Esq.
Ethics Officer