

**ETHICS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION**

The Ethics Board (“Board”) met on Wednesday June 11th, 2025 at 2:30pm by conference call via Microsoft Teams.

Call to Order & Statement Concerning the Recording of the Public Session: Chair Stephan Fogleman called the Board meeting to order at 2:39pm with Three Board members, a quorum, present. Board member Noelle Winder was absent.

Chair Stephan Fogleman read the following statement:

All participants in the Public Session of the Board meeting acknowledge and consent to the video and audio recording of the Public Session and the publication of the recording on the Board’s website and social media accounts.

Statement Concerning the Administrative Session of the May 9th, 2025 Board Meeting: Chair Fogleman read the following statement:

Per the Open Meetings Act, the Board discloses that it adjourned its virtual open meeting on May 9th, 2025 to enter the Administrative Session at approximately 3:08pm. All Board members were present. No one was absent. Members discussed administrative matters including complaints.

The Board may need to close some or all of this meeting to preserve the confidentiality mandated by the Ethics Code or as otherwise authorized by the State Open Meetings Act. Likewise, upon adjournment of the Open Session, the Board may reconvene for an Administrative Session to discuss non-public, administrative functions of the Board.

Review of Schedules and Agenda: Board member John McCauley has a hard stop at 3:45pm.

Approval of Written Minutes for the Public Session of the May 9th, 2025, Board Meeting: The board approved the minutes subject to “revisions”.

Staff Update: Director Amberger provided the following Updates:

The Ethics team identified a total of 3,340 City employees required to file financial disclosure statements for 2024. To date, 3,250 financial disclosures have been submitted, leaving 90 filings outstanding. The Ethics team is investigating whether the 90 individuals with outstanding disclosures remain employed by the City of Baltimore.

Additionally, Ethics was invited by Inspector General Isabel Cumming to attend the City Council budget meeting. Dir. Amberger represented the Ethics office and answered the Council’s questions.

Charitable/Governmental Gift Solicitation Waiver Applications:

Implementations of Plans and Initiatives – Baltimore City’s Department of Planning:

The Board requested several revisions to the petition:

- Approval by the Ethics Board shall be expressly contingent upon the subsequent endorsement of the Board of Estimates (“BOE”).
- All abbreviations must be accompanied by the full name of the respective organization upon first reference.
- Section 5 contains an incomplete sentence which must be fully articulated.
- A disclaimer shall be added in Part D, at (V.), stating that making a contribution will not confer any special treatment to the donor, nor will the decision not to donate result in a detriment.

The Public Session adjourned at 3:02pm.

