

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

BOARD OF ETHICS

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 14, 2024  
Commissioners' 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 George Pruden called the meeting to order at 1:06 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  
Heather Ashbury, Interim Legal Counsel to the Board  
Latonya Allen, Administrative Assistant.

**Open Session**

**Approval of Open Session Minutes – January 10, 2024**

The Board reviewed the draft Open Session Minutes from the January 10, 2024 meeting.

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

**Matters of Discussion**

**Ethics Program Monthly Report**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on the activities in the Ethics Office for January 2024. She reported that she provided ethics training to 36 new employees as part of the onboarding process.

Ms. Dorsey White shared that the Ethics Office provided guidance on 14 matters. The category that received the most inquiries was Disclosure Statements.

Lastly, Ms. Dorsey White stated that she will present the Ethics Spotlight, “Political Activity” at the February 21, 2024 Commission Meeting. Chair Pruden asked why this topic was chosen. Ms. Dorsey White replied that the Maryland General Assembly is in session and there may be employees participating in political activities. She added that this will serve as a reminder that an employee’s personal views and actions should not be interpreted as representing opinions of WSSC. The Board agreed that this is a good topic to remind current employees and educate new hires.

**Delinquent Financial Disclosure Filer(s)**

Ms. Allen reported that there were no delinquent financial disclosure filers.

**Closed Session Approval**

At 1:24 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 January 10, 2024 Closed Session Minutes; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.110 to address one Complaint; General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(13) and WSSC Code of Ethics Ch. 1.70.070 to address one Waiver Request; and General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(7) to obtain legal advice regarding one Complaint, one Waiver Request, and Potential Complaints/Legal Investigations.

**Attendees:** Chair George Pruden; Member Steven Hausman; Member Jeffrey Hysen; and Alternate Member Chandria Slaughter. Staff present: Ethics Officer Angelique Dorsey White; Interim Legal Counsel to the Board Heather Ashbury; and Administrative Assistant Latonya Allen.

**Closed Session**

**Complaint C-23-01**

There was no discussion regarding this matter.

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes – January 10, 2024**

The Board reviewed the draft Closed Session Minutes from the January 10, 2024, meeting.

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

**Waiver Request W-24-01**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this request.

**Project Cornerstone Report Referrals**

Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on these matters.

**Potential Complaints / Legal Investigations**

**Potential Complaint #13**


Ms. Dorsey White provided an update on this matter.

**Legal Investigations**

Mr. Ashbury provided updates on current legal investigations.

**Adjournment**

On motion of Dr. Hausman and seconded by Mr. Hysen, three members of the Board (Hysen, Hausman, and Pruden) voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

  
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Angelique Dorsey White, Esq.  
Ethics Officer