

Baltimore City Ethics Board  
626 City Hall  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202  
Monday, September 16, 2010

### **Minutes of the Public Session**

The Ethics Board met on Monday, September 16, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the Office of Department of Legislative Reference, 626 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland.

- A. Call to Order: Chairwoman Linda Pierson called to order the meeting of the Baltimore City Ethics Board at 10:10 a.m. on Monday, September 16, 2010. In attendance were Board Members Jennifer Burdick, Dawna Cobb, Guy Flynn, Linda Pierson, Peggy Walls, Director Avery Aisenstark, Deputy Director Thaddeus Watulak. Also present was Elena DiPietro, Assistant City Solicitor
- B. Minutes of the August 2010 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
- C. Chair's report: There was nothing to report.
- D. Director's Report

### Outstanding Complaints

1. The alleged police politicking complaint was withdrawn on 8/20/10.
2. Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Board at its August 16, 2010 meeting, the alleged misconduct by a Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System Hearing Officer was dismissed on 8/26/10.

### Applications for Solicitations

1. Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Board at its August 16, 2010 meeting, the application for solicitation received from the Baltimore Development Corporation's Baltimore Main Streets was approved on 8/20/10.
2. Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Board at its August 16, 2010 meeting, the application for solicitation received from the City Council President for the Campaign for Recreation and Parks was approved on 8/20/10.
3. Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Board at its August 16, 2010 meeting, the application for solicitation by the Baltimore Luxor Alexandria Sister Cities for its Annual Dim Sum Brunch was approved on 8/26/10.
4. The application for solicitation by the Mayor's Office to fund a project with the Urban Land Institute was deferred pending the Director's recommendation.

### Outstanding Complaints / Opinion Requests

1. The request for an opinion concerning the "Revolving Door" issue for the Sustainability Commission has been deferred until the Board is presented with more specific information relative to this issue.

2. Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Board at its August 16, 2010 meeting, a complaint filed by P.L. with the Inspector General was referred to the Inspector General for investigation on 8/20/10.

3. An informal complaint against R.S. for failure to disclose certain information in an ethics disclosure statement was cured by the filing of an addendum.

#### New Opinion request

The request for an opinion from the Mayor's Office was deferred pending the Director's and Deputy Director's discussion with the requestor.

#### New complaints

1. A complaint filed by J.W.A. v R.S. et al did not require any action by the board at this time as the Director's investigation is pending. Mr. Flynn recused himself from this matter and left the meeting while it was discussed.

2. An informal complaint by M.C. v. S.R. alleging political use of City e-mail was cured by the employee. The Board voted unanimously to authorize the Director to send a letter to the complainant stating that the problem had been cured.

3. Oral harangue complaint-No action was necessary.

#### Charitable, Governmental Solicitations

Draft amendments to Board regulations were discussed but no decision was made.

#### Other business

The Board's next meeting will be October 12, 2010 at 10 am, City Hall, 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:45 a.m.