Baltimore City Ethics Board 626 City Hall Baltimore, MD 21202 March 13, 2015

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on March 13, 2015 in the Conference Room of the Department of Legislative Reference, 626 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland.

Call to Order - Chairperson, Lu Pierson, called to order the meeting of the Baltimore City Ethics Board at 9:40 a.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Dawna Cobb, Guy Flynn and Jennifer Burdick. Also present were Avery Aisenstark, Director of the Ethics Board and Thaddeus Watulak, Deputy Director of the Ethics Board.

A. Approval of Minutes from February-The Board approved the February 2015 minutes as amended by a vote of 4-0.

B. Chair's Report: Ms. Pierson and Mr. Flynn's reappointment to the Ethics Board was confirmed by the City Council.

C. Director's Status Updates

1. Ongoing investigations- The Board voted 4-0 to go into closed session to discuss an ongoing investigation.

2. Proposed Legislation-Mr. Aisentark reported that the Mayor's Office will sponsor the four bills proposed by the Ethics Board.

D. Preparing for 2015 Financial Disclosure Season

1. **Electronic filing updates-** E-mail notifications of the electronic filing will be sent out and 200 people have already filed on line. The HELP desk is receiving questions. An unanticipated problem has arisen. People who filed last year with paper are not able to use their

e-mail address to create an on-line account. The developer is working to solve the problem.

E. Solicitation Requests

1. Fire Department Solicitation for this Thrill Show was approved by a vote of 4-0 with dollar amount to be provided.

2. **DOT** –**Born to Ride-**The Board reconfirmed an earlier e-mail approval by a vote of 4-0.

F. The next Board meeting will be April 10, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

G. A motion to adjourn was made an approved at 11:10 a.m.