

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL BOARD OF ETHICAL CONDUCT
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 5, 2013

A meeting of the Metropolitan Council Board of Ethical Conduct was held on August 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Metropolitan Courthouse, Committee Room 2.

Members in attendance were: Martha L. Boyd, George H. Cate, Jr., Diane Dilanni, Larry E. Patton, Sr., and Council Member Carter Todd.

Staff members present were: Metropolitan attorneys, Mike Safley and Nicki Eke, and board secretary, Ana L. Escobar.

The meeting was called to order by Martha L. Boyd, who declared a quorum present for the conduct of business.

George H. Cate, Jr. moved to amend the minutes of June 7, 2013 meeting to reflect the correction of the year of when the meeting was held which motion was seconded and the minutes were adopted as amended.

Complaint filed by Jeffrey Crawford against Ashley Daugherty

A complaint was filed on June 21, 2013 by Jeffrey Crawford of Nashville, Tennessee against Metropolitan Government employee, Ashley Daugherty, and Mayor Karl Dean. The complaint pertained to the selection process for the Summer Scholars Academy program administered by the Mayor's Office. Mr. Crawford alleged that Ms. Daugherty abused her authority with regard to matters concerning the administration of the Summer Scholars Academy. The complaint also alleged that the Mayor allowed Ms. Daugherty to function without oversight.

A legal analysis of the complaint was completed by the Metropolitan Department of Law which concluded that the complaint against Ms. Daugherty should be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction of the Council Board of Ethical Conduct since Ms. Daugherty is an Metropolitan Government employee and not an elected official or a member of a board or commission as contemplated in Metro Code Sec. 2.222.040(C)(1)(a). The complaint against the Mayor Dean did not have a factual basis to be deem the complaint a violation of the Standards of Conduct set forth in Metro Code Sec. 2.222.040(C)(1).

The Council Board of Ethical Conduct considered the complaint as two separate allegations and findings:
Allegation #1 and finding – The complaint against Ashley Daugherty should be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. Diane Dilanni moved to accept the finding made by the Department of Law for dismissal which was seconded by George Cate, Jr., and adopted by the following vote: "Ayes" Boyd, Cate, Dilanni, and Patton (4) and Noes(0).

Allegation #2 and finding – The complaint against Mayor Dean did not have a factual basis to deem the complaint a violation of the Standards of Conduct. George Cate Jr., moved to accept the finding made by the Department of Law for dismissal which was seconded by Larry E. Patton, Sr., and adopted the following vote: "Ayes" Boyd, Cate, Dilanni, and Patton (4) and Noes(0).

Diane Dilanni moved to allow the Metropolitan Department of Law to prepare an order and a summary of the findings of the Council Board of Ethical Conduct and to allow Chair, Martha L. Boyd to sign the

order on behalf of the Board which was seconded by Council Member Carter Todd and adopted by voice vote.

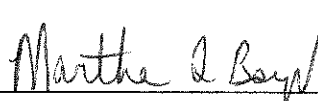
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Ana L. Escobar, Secretary



Martha Boyd, Chair