

Metropolitan Board of Ethical Conduct
Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022

The Board of Ethical Conduct held a meeting on this date in the Sonny West Conference Room in the Howard Office Building in Nashville, Tennessee.

Persons in Attendance:

Diane DiIanni, Board Chair
Brigid Carpenter, Board Member
Amy Mohan, Board Member
Larry Patton, Board Member
Diamond Stewart, Board Member

Nicki Eke, Assistant Metropolitan Attorney/Legal Counsel
Lora Fox, Assistant Metropolitan Attorney/Legal Counsel
Austin Kyle, Interim Metropolitan Clerk/Board Secretary
Shawn Reed, Deputy Metropolitan Clerk

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2021

Mr. Patton moved to adopt the minutes of the last called meeting of the Board of Ethical Conduct. Ms. Carpenter seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

Announcement of Appeal Rights

The Clerk announced that parties are encouraged to consult an attorney to evaluate appeal rights from a final order issued by this Board to ensure applicable procedures and deadlines are met.

Summary and Discussion of Metro Legal memorandum re: Philip v. Hall

Ms. Eke presented a summary of the legal report and analysis, which report analyzed seven allegations against Councilmember Hall. The report recommended that allegation number 5 be dismissed and recommended that a hearing be held for allegations 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7. After discussion, Ms. Mohan moved to dismiss allegation number 5, which motion was seconded by Ms. Stewart and approved by the following roll call vote: "Ayes" (5): DiIanni, Carpenter, Mohan, Patton, and Stewart; "Noes" (0): Abstain (0). Ms. DiIanni moved to adopt the recommendations of Metro Legal and for a hearing to be held regarding allegations 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7, which motion was seconded by Ms. Mohan and approved by the following roll call vote: "Ayes" (5): DiIanni, Carpenter, Mohan, Patton, and Stewart; "Noes" (0): Abstain (0).

Ms. Eke noted that the parties involved may submit materials or identify previously submitted materials with the Metropolitan Clerk's office at least 7 days prior to the hearing in order to be considered at the hearing. She also added that the parties may submit a list of witnesses to be called

with the Metropolitan Clerk's office at least 7 days prior to the hearing. Ms. DiIanni announced that the deadline for the materials submission and witness list would be February 2, 2022.

New Meeting Date

The next meeting for the matter Philip v. Hall will be a hearing scheduled for February 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Chair DiIanni instructed the Board secretary to set the location of the next meeting based on room availability. The location will be noticed and posted in advance of the February 9 hearing.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.