

Metropolitan Board of Ethical Conduct
Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

The Board of Ethical Conduct held a meeting on this date in Metropolitan Council Committee Room 2 of the Second Floor of the Historic Courthouse in Nashville, Tennessee.

Persons in Attendance:

Diane DiIanni, Board Chair
Brigid Carpenter, Board Member
Larry Patton, Board Member
Diamond Stewart, Board Member
Councilman Dave Rosenberg, Board Member

Nicki Eke, Assistant Metropolitan Attorney/Legal Counsel
Austin Kyle, Interim Metropolitan Clerk

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2022

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 who disagree with a final decision of the Board may appeal by filing a writ of certiorari with the Davidson County Chancery Court within sixty (60) days of entry of the Order, and parties are encouraged to seek independent legal advice to ensure that applicable procedures and deadlines are properly followed.

Administrative Items

Chair DiIanni explained the role and the mission of the Board of Ethical Conduct and recounted the types of cases the Board had previously heard. The Board discussed the possibility of making recommendations to update Metro Code provisions in regard to lobbyist compliance as well as changes related to the Board's ability to issue sanctions.

Chair DiIanni reviewed the process for the Board to develop an advisory opinion as defined in the Metro Code. The Chair recommended further discussion on this topic at the Board's next meeting.

Chair DiIanni directed the Clerk to recommend ways to present the Board's case history, documents, meeting minutes, and meeting videos in a publicly accessible format. The Clerk will give an update on this project at a future meeting of the Board.

New Meeting Date

The Board tentatively set the date for the next meeting as April 26, 2022 at 9:00am, however April 22, 2022 at 2:00pm was also reserved as a back-up date. The Clerk will distribute the agenda once a meeting date and location is finalized.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.