

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Monthly Meeting of the Board

February 6, 2014, 1:00 p.m.
Room 540 South (BEGA Board Hearing Room)
One Judiciary Square

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

The Monthly Meeting of the Board was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Robert Spagnoletti in Hearing Room 540 South at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

II. Ascertainment of Quorum

All Board members were present constituting a quorum.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted unanimously.

IV. Acknowledgment of Adoption of the Minutes of the January 9, 2014, meeting.

The Minutes of the January 9, 2014, meeting were adopted unanimously.

V. Report by the Director of Open Government

a. Website

Director of Open Government, Traci Hughes informed the Ethics Board that the new website was launched on January 24, 2014. Director Hughes noted that as of today, twenty-five points of contact from Boards and Commissions have failed to log on to the system to create their profile and

enter meeting dates. There are approximately 160 boards and commissions listed on the site.

b. Open Meetings Act compliance; FOIA

Director Hughes noted that the Mayor's office has begun training FOIA officers on the FOIAXpress processing system. Director Hughes attended training on January 27th.

c. Wiring of hearing room

Director Hughes informed the Board that the MOU with the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) has been extended to reflect this fiscal year.

VI. Report by the Director of Government Ethics

a. Update on Status of Office of Government Ethics (OGE) Operations – Recap of Previous Month's Activities (statistics)

b. Publication and Reporting Obligations

- i. Current on all reporting obligations.

c. Trainings

- i. **Attended by Staff** – Director Sobin attended a week-long National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) management training.

d. Advisory Opinions

- i. Received two requests for written Advisory Opinions.

ii. Two Advisory Opinions issued in response to request (timely - - within thirty days). One involved a request for post-employment advice and the other involved advice concerning nepotism.

iii. The Office of Government Ethics (OGE) responded to forty-three requests for informal advice.

e. Lobbyist Matters

i. Demand letters for previous fines issued for late July 2013 Activity Reports are being drafted. (Eighteen will be issued)

ii. New fine letters are being worked on for those who failed to register at all in 2013. (Six will be issued)

e. Budget Matters

i. BEGA met with the Mayor's chief of staff to discuss BEGA budget needs for Fiscal Year (FY) 15' and outstanding requests for FY 14'.

g. BEGA Legislation and Hearings

**New District Personnel Manual Published by DCHR/Executive –
Proposed Rulemaking Published in the D.C. Register January 3 –**

The Office of Government Ethics (OGE) provided written comments to DC Human Resources (DCHR) during the comment period, addressing areas of concern to the OGE.

i. Non-Confidential Investigations

- ii. #1087-001 – In Re: Ron Moten
- iii. #1057-001 – Michael Brown
- iv. #AI-017-13 – In Re: Larry Hicks
- v. #1008-006 – In Re: Yvonne Wimbush
- vi. 1060-001 Mary Oates-Walker (**Link to be included**)

VII. Opportunity for Public Comment

No comment from the public. Open Meeting closed at 1:40pm