

Baltimore City Ethics Board
626 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202
July 3, 2019

Minutes of the Public Session

The Ethics Board met on July 3, 2019 at 2:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Department of Legislative Reference, 626 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland.

Call to Order – Chair Lu Pierson called to order the meeting of the Baltimore City Ethics Board at 2:35 p.m. with a quorum present. Present were Board members Lu Pierson, Guy Flynn and Teresa Cummings. Avery Aisenstark, Ethics Director and Anthony DeFranco, Deputy Ethics Director, were also present.

- I. **Approval of the minutes:** May 2019 minutes were not available for approval, so the matter was tabled until the August meeting. The Board did not meet in June 2019.
- II. **Briefing on the Civic Innovators Program and Ethics Implications:** Lengthy discussion with Allyse Deepenbrock regarding this new program and any ethical implications that may arise. The discussion was an FYI for the Ethics Board and Ms. Deepenbrock was asked to get more information regarding the connection between Baltimore Corps. and the City as it relates to funding. The Board also offered Ms. Deepenbrock several suggestions on how to best mitigate ethics issues in implementing the program.
- III. **Chair’s report:** No report.
- IV. **Director’s Status Updates:**
 - a. Review of draft report for Council Bill 19-0376. The Board is in agreement with the letter as presented and the chair will sign. The chair also plans to attend the meeting on July 9, 2019 at 10am.
 - b. There was a brief update on the status of Council Bill 19-0378 (Ethics Board-Administration and Staff)
- V. **Solicitations:**
 - a. Department of Recreation and Parks- Charm City Games. It was properly moved and seconded that the Board approve the request. Motion passed.
 - b. Councilman Cohen-Trauma Informed & Trauma Resilient Recreation Center Initiative. It was properly moved and seconded that the Board approve the request. Motion passed.

c. Office of Civil Rights & Wage Enforcement-Civil Rights Breakfast FYI. The scope of the solicitation was amended to the “Civil Rights Breakfast” to “Civil Rights Week.” The Board had no objections.

Move to adjourn at 4:00p.m.