

**LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY
METRO ETHICS COMMISSION MINUTES
February 16, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Thelma Clemons
Mr. Terry Conway
Mr. Skip Daleure
Mr. Jonathan Ricketts

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Janet Black, Admin. Support, HR
Mr. Pete Karem, Attorney
Ms. Deborah Kent, Ethics Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Hoffman, Maj. Caucus Dir
Mr. Chris Lewis, Minority Caucus Dir
Mr. Donnie Morris, Complainant
Ms. Kellie Watson, Director HR

Old Business

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Ethics Commission was called to order at 4:06 pm by Mr. Jonathan Ricketts. Mr. Ricketts asked for the minutes to be approved. Ms. Thelma Clemons made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Mr. Skip Daleure seconded and the minutes were approved

Old Business

Mr. Ricketts reported to the members that Circuit Court Judge Judge McDonald-Burkman has dismissed Judy Greene appeal of the Commissions rulings.

The Commission approved changes to the 2012 Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS). Ms. Kent reported that the form had been condensed from three pages to two with clarity being made about the information that is needed from boards and commission members and their family members. Mr. Daleure moved to accept the 2012 FDS, Mr. Terry Conway seconded..

The Commission discussed Request for Opinion 11-D-001. Mr. Ricketts stated that he believed involvement with a non-profit corporation while serving employed as director of Metro grant programs may violate Section §21.02 (A) (C) and possibly (B) of the ordinance. Mr. Daleure stated that not taking money from Metro is not the problem, but soliciting for the non-profit may be. He believed that Ms. Johnson could not be a director of the organization and a director of Metro government. Mr. Ricketts believed that it was an open ended request. Mr. Ricketts

stated that he believed the proper response would be to deny her involvement at this time without further information. Ms. Kent was asked to draft a response for approval at the March meeting.

The Commission discussed Request for Opinion 12-C-001 regarding the appointment of a Councilmember's spouse to District Police Citizen Advisory Board. The Commission advised that, as the Board was appointed by and served only the District Commander and the appointment was sought by the Commander, and the Councilmember was one of five councilmembers who contribute to the District's public relations activities, Mr. Terry Conway moved that the spouse's activities would not conflict with the Councilmember's performance of his official duties. Motion carried.

New Business

Mr. Ricketts provided the members with an update of his appearance before the Metro Council Government Accountability and Ethics Committee.

Consideration of Complaints

On motion to go into executive session to discuss six complaints, Mr. Conway asked to recuse himself on one of the complaints, citing his political support of the respondent. As Mr. Conway's recusal would leave the Commission without a quorum, Mr. Ricketts tabled the complaints until the next meeting so that all members will be able to participate in the discussion. Mr. Ricketts recognized those present for the discussion of the complaints, and offered them an opportunity to address the Commission at the March meeting.

Mr. Ricketts made a motion for adjournment, Mr. Daleure seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.