

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT  
ETHICS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 17, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.  
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Mr. Terry Conway  
Mr. David S. Waskey  
Mr. Wendell Townsend  
Mr. Robert Boyd**

**METRO STAFF & LEGAL COUNSEL**

**Ms. Dana Cox Nickles, Legal Counsel  
Ms. Rhonda Williams, Paralegal**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Chairman Waskey called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Townsend moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2017, and Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

In response to Request for Advisory Opinion, 18-O-001, the Commissioners reviewed the informal response drafted by Legal Counsel, Dana Cox Nickles, and Chairman Waskey. At issue is whether a Councilperson could chair a Metro Council committee considering an ordinance, and also voting on that ordinance, that might constitute a potential conflict to interest, pursuant to 21.02 (B) & (H) and 21.01, definitions, given his/her family ownership of a company that operates in another part of the same industry that would be governed by the ordinance. Commissioner Terry Conway moved, and Commissioner Townsend seconded, that the Commission adopt the findings opined in the informal opinion that there would be no conflict of interest, as no financial gain would accrue to the Councilperson or to his/her family in any greater extent than to any other member of the restaurant business. The motion passed unanimously.

**Information Items**

Legal Counsel Nickles suggested the Commissioners consider changes to the Ethics Commission's powers to issue subpoenas and produce documents that was recently passed by the legislature. Also, for consideration, for inclusion in the Annual Report for this fiscal year, any revisions to the Ethics Commission's Rules and Regulations.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Townsend moved to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.