

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Mr. Terry Conway
Mr. David S. Waskey
Ms. Delores Pregliasco
Mr. Wendell Townsend
Ms. Susan Rhodes**

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 4:30 p.m.

Louisville Metro Government's Human Resources Director , J.P. Hamm

Director Hamm addressed the Commissioners in reference to Legal Counsel Nickles' Professional Service Contract which expires on June 30, 2017. The Ethics Commission appointed Chairman Waskey, Commissioners Conway and Townsend to make a recommendation to Director Hamm on behalf of the Ethics Commission.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Pregliasco moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2017, and Commissioner Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Advisory Opinion 17-O-002

The Ethics Commission reviewed the written request for Advisory Opinion and heard additional information from the Louisville Metro Council Clerk during the Ethics Commission meeting. The request addresses LMCO 21.02, Standards of Conduct, in reference to the request by a private citizen to the Louisville Metro Clerk to hand-deliver to each Metro Council member a book titled "To Protect and Serve --How to Fix America's Police" by Norm Stamper. The private citizen currently has a lawsuit pending against Metro Louisville Metro Police Department.

Commissioner Pregliasco moved that because it can be reasonably assumed that the purpose of the gift is to influence Metro Council members, the Commission finds that receipt of the books by Louisville Metro Council members is prohibited by Section 21.02 (C)(1), and therefore the books should not be distributed by the Clerk to the Louisville Metro Council members. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Townsend. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Waskey will issue a written advisory opinion reflecting this determination by the Commission.

Old Business

The Commissioners discussed whether the Ethics Commission's advisory opinions should be posted on the Ethics Commission website. The Commissioners reached a consensus that for increased transparency, the Ethics Commission's responses to Requests for Advisory Opinions issued on or after June 15, 2017 should be posted on the Ethics Commission website.

Information Items

Legal Counsel Nickles suggested that the Commissioners consider goals for inclusion in the Annual Report for fiscal year 2016/2017. Chairman Waskey suggested that in the annual report, the Commission could address the changes to the Ethics Commission's powers to issue subpoenas and produce documents as reflected in Senate Bill 222, which passed the legislature on March 15, 2017.

Adjournment

Commissioner Conway moved to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.