

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.
METRO HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT, METRO STAFF & LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. David S. Waskey, Chair
Mr. Robert Boyd
Ms. Angela Edwards
Ms. Kelli Morris
Mr. Mark R. Brengelman, Legal Counsel
Ms. Rhonda Williams, Paralegal

I. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Waskey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

III. Swearing in of New Commissioner Kelli Morris

Commissioner Morris was duly sworn in with the reading of the Oath of Office.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2020, and Commissioner Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Advisory Opinions

Advisory Opinion No. 20-O-001. An additional response was requested to this advisory opinion as to whether a board member whose wife's work interacts at times with the agency has a conflict of interest. In this response, it was clarified that unless there is a direct connection between the action before APCD and TreesLouisville, there is no need to recuse.

VI. Old Business

Fink v. Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government, et al., 19-CI-03409, Jefferson Circuit Court, Division 6 – Order Dismissing from June 8, 2020. Plaintiff will have sixty (60) days in which to file an appeal.

VII. New Business

VIII. Information Items

Commissioners were asked about their current service on any other board/commission other than on the Ethics Commission. This information is being gathered pursuant to a query from Metro Government's Director of Boards/Commissions.

IX. Executive Session

At 4:09 p.m., pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (j), the Ethics Commission went into executive session.

At 4:50 p.m., the Ethics Commission was reconvened with no actions taken.

X. Action Taken After Executive Session

- a. Complaint 19-PHA-001, James Thomas v. Wavid Wray -- Motion to Dismiss due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Ethics Code was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Morris. The Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Complaint 19-PHA-002, James Thomas v. Ronald Sharp -- Motion to Dismiss as the complaint is barred because it was not filed within one (1) year of the time of the occurrence which is the subject of the complaint prescribed in the Ethics Code, §21.06(A), was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Morris. The Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Complaint 19-PHA-003, James Thomas v. Angela Sharp Larson -- Motion to Dismiss as the complaint is barred because it was not filed within one (1) year of the time of the occurrence which is the subject of the complaint prescribed in the Ethics Code, §21.06(A), was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Morris. The Motion passed unanimously.

A dismissal letter will be issued in each of these complaints to the complainant and to the respondents, respectively.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Boyd moved to adjourn. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.