

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2016 @ 4:00 p.m.
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

**Ms. Thelma Clemons
Mr. Terry Conway
Mr. Jonathan Ricketts
Ms. Susan Rhodes
Mr. Skip Daleure**

METRO STAFF & LEGAL COUNSEL

**Ms. Deborah Kent, Legal Counsel
Ms. Rhonda Williams, Paralegal**

Meeting Called to Order

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

New Business

Request for Advisory Opinion 16-O-001

The request addressed LMCO 21.02(B) & (H) regarding a conflict between an officer's financial interest in a business organization that might reasonably be expected to impair his or her objectivity or judgment; or if there is deemed a conflict by his or her participation in the enactment of an ordinance. On Chairman Rickett's motion, seconded by Commissioner Skip Daleure, the Commission considered the question of a conflict of interest over a possible financial gain accruing from the Councilman's wife's employment with LG&E incurred by his vote on Metro Council on franchise agreements that don't directly involve LG&E. The Commissioners concluded any such gain would be too remote, and, accordingly, found none. Councilman Mulvihill can vote on said franchise agreements.

Request for Advisory Opinion 16-O-002

The request addressed LMCO 21.02(G) Standards of Conduct. The question is whether a Councilperson who represents an individual plaintiff in a personal injury case before a State Circuit Court, where Louisville Metro would be a co-plaintiff and have a statutory worker's compensation subrogation lien on portions of the individual plaintiff's recovery is a violation. On Chairman Rickett's motion, seconded by Commissioner Skip Daleure, the Commission concludes that a Metro Officer would have to be acting in his or her official capacity as a Councilperson before a county agency to be in conflict. Councilman Ackerson is acting as a private attorney before a State agency, and, therefore, no conflict is found. On Commissioner Rhodes motion, seconded by Terry Conway, Chairman Ricketts will address a letter to Matt Golden of the Jefferson County Attorney's Office so advising

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Chairman Ricketts moved to approve, Commission Rhodes seconded and the commission approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Conway moved to approve minutes of September 17, 2015, and Commissioner Daleure seconded the motion.

Adjournment

Commissioner Conway moved to adjourn and Commissioner Rhodes seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.