

**LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT
ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m.
METRO HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT, METRO STAFF & LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. David S. Waskey, Chair
Ms. Kelli Morris
Ms. Dee Pregliasco
Ms. Angela Edwards
Mr. Mike Oyler
Mr. Wendell Townsend
Mr. Mark Brengelman – Legal Counsel
Ms. Celia Gregory, Metro HR Staff Member

Absent: Mr. Robert Boyd - Excused

I. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Waskey called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m, a quorum was present.

II. Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. and may be canceled on or about the Monday prior to the meeting.

III. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Waskey presented the minutes of the June 23, 2022, meeting, a motion to approve was made by Commissioner Oyler, Commissioner Morris seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

a. Update to Ethics Code Re: Lobbying Registration – was given by Metro HR Staff member, Celia Gregory. Ms. Gregory attended the Metro Council’s meeting on July 19, 2022, at 5pm and provided information to the Ethics Commission members regarding a tentative budget and the current forward progress of the Lobbying Registration plan.

b. Review and recap Community Action Partnership Administering Board as

IV. Old Business (continued)

Metro Officers (not appointed by the Mayor or Metro Council) – After reviewing the required additional information and discussion between the Commission’s Legal Counsel and the Commission members it was determined the Community Action Partnership Administering Board members are exempt from the requirement to submit an annual Financial Disclosure Form; an official Advisory Opinion will be submitted by Legal Counsel.

c. Review and recap Request for Opinion from Metro Sewer District (MSD) – After reviewing the required additional information and discussion between the Commission’s Legal Counsel and the Commission members it was determined the members of the Metro Sewer District (MSD) are exempt from the requirement to submit an annual Financial Disclosure Form; an official Advisory Opinion will be submitted by Legal Counsel.

d. Review and discuss April 21, 2021, memo, Re: Which Boards/Commissions are subject to Louisville Metro Ethics Code. The Commission’s Legal Counsel was again tasked with reviewing the memorandum, making a recommendation, and then replying to the appropriate parties after being reviewed by the Commission.

e. Review and recap of Financial Disclosure Statement and status of personnel required to submit annually. Metro HR Staff member, Ms. Gregory provided a progress report regarding the statuses of personnel who were issued a final notification letter via U.S Postal Certified Return Receipt mail. On motion duly made and seconded, the Ethics Commission members voted to enact a penalty on all personnel not in compliance with submitting the Financial Disclosure Statement after an additional notification and grace period.

f. Civic Innovation and Technology (CIT) recommended converting the online Ethics Complaint Form to digital form. The Commission’s Legal Counsel will review and update the Ethics Complaint Form to ensure it contains Footnote #1 to include the definition of a Metro Officer and to have the form comply with LMCO 21.06 (4). The Commission also requested a download and upload option of the complaint form from the Civic Innovation and Technology department.

g. Review Annual Reports – The Ethics Commission’s Legal Counsel presented a draft of the Annual Report (July 2020 to June 2022).

V. New Business

a. Request for Informal Opinion from Ms. Endora Davis, Director, Louisville

V. New Business (continued)

Metro Youth Transitional Services. The Commission's Legal Counsel, Mr. Mark Brengelman, briefed the Commission members on Ms. Davis' request and his conclusion. The Commission members all agreed on the decision/conclusion.

b. Discuss the proposed changes to the Open Meetings Act – Chair Waskey requested to have a copy of the proposed changes emailed to all Commission members for review and feedback.

VI. Announcements

There were no announcements made.

VII. Adjournment

There being no other business before the Commission, Commissioner Edwards submitted a motion to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.