

**LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY
METRO ETHICS COMMISSION MINUTES
January 19, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Thelma Clemons
Mr. Skip Daleure
Ms. Karyl Ferman
Ms. Vicki Tabler
Ms. Terri Todd

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Janet Black, Admin. Support, HR
Ms. Kelli Watson, Metro Human Resources Director
Chris Lewis, Minority Caucus Director
Henrietta Holland-Wilson, Citizen
Jaci Rowe, Metro Council Office Assistant
Perry Green, Citizen

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Ethics Commission was called to order at 3:35 pm on Wednesday, January 19, 2010 by Ms. Karyl Ferman.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Ferman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2010. The motion was made by Ms. Terri Todd to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Ms. Vicki Tabler. The motion was approved.

Introduction of Newly Appointed Human Resources Director

Ms. Ferman welcomed Ms. Kelli Watson, Metro Government newly appointed Human Resources Director. Ms. Watson greeted the members and stated that she was looking forward to working with them. Ms. Watson informed members of the role that Metro Human Resources provide to other Metro Government agencies and to the Commission.

Discussion

Ms. Ferman asked the Commission to move item three from New Business so that they may inquire of Mr. Chris Lewis information concerning the event. Mr. Lewis provided information that the Metro Council receives invitations regularly, some are timely and some are not. The Commission discussed the merits of Metro Council members and other officials requesting the advice of the Commission Chair for invitations to events or sponsorship verbally as opposed to submission of Advisory Opinions. Members agreed that they would have viewed the acceptance of the tickets as a violation. It was decided that the Commission would like to review the process at a later date.

Old Business

Ethics Commission Attorney

Mr. Jonathan Ricketts had expressed that he would like to see if the Commission would be able to receive other attorneys' proposals for the position if it was posted in the American Law Association newsletter. The Commission was informed that Human Resources would contact the American Law Association to find out the cost, if any, of posting a Request for Qualifications to hire a part-time attorney to represent the Commission.

New Business**Advisory Opinion 10-D-003**

Discussion concerning Advisory Opinion 10-D-003 revealed that the Commission did not find a violation for the board member to remain on the board because of her sibling being an elected official. Ms. Todd made a motion that the Commission did not find a violation. Mr. Skip Daleure seconded and the motion was approved.

Complaint 11-P-001

Mr. Daleure made a motion to go to Executive Session at 4:05 pm. Ms. Ferman seconded the motion and the Commission went to closed session. The meeting reconvened at 4:27pm. Ms. Henrietta Holland-Wilson, a visitor, asked if any decision was made in the meeting. She was informed that there was no action taken in the closed session.

On a motion by Mr. Daleure and seconded by Ms. Tabler, the meeting adjourned at 4:36.