

**LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY
METRO GOVERNMENT
ETHICS COMMISSION**

ANNUAL REPORT


JULY 2017 – June 2018

Ethics Commission Annual Report 2017-2018

To Mayor Greg Fischer and the Louisville Metro Council:

The members of the Louisville Metro Ethics Commission respectfully present the Annual Report on the activities of the Metro Ethics Commission for July 2017 – June 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David S. Waskey | n w". The signature is written in a cursive style with a vertical line separating the name from the initials.

David S. Waskey, Chair
Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Ethics Commission

Robert Boyd, Member
Terry Conway, Member
Michael Oyler, Member
Delores Pregliasco, Member
Susan Rhodes, Member
Wendell Townsend, Member

ETHICS TRAINING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

The Commission's staff maintains records of all participation in ethics training sessions required by the Ethics Ordinance, maintains Metro Officer financial disclosure statements, and provides access to disclosure statements online.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

The Ethics Commission met on the following dates:

September 21, 2018

May 17, 2018

June 21, 2018.

REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS

The Ethics Commission responded to one request for advisory opinion, 18-O-001. The advisory opinion is published on the website for the Ethics Commission.

COMPLAINTS

Two complaints were submitted to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

A private citizen alleges in Complaint No. 18-MC-01 that a member of Metro Council violated Section 21.02(A) of the Ethics Ordinance by using his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges. The Complaint further alleges that the Metro Council member violated Section 21.03(D) of the Ethics Ordinance by voting on an ordinance involving a personal financial interest. The Commission reviewed the information provided by the parties and voted to dismiss the Complaint.

A private citizen alleges in Complaint No. 18-MC-02 that a member of Metro Council violated Sections 21.02 (B), (D), and (E) of the Ethics Ordinance by purchasing tickets and attending nonprofit fundraisers with discretionary district funds, instead of using the discretionary funds to pay for speed hump construction. Additionally, the complainant alleges that the Metro Council member violated Section 21.06(A)(8) of the Ethics Ordinance by not requiring assigned staff to work assigned hours, and by using his or her official position to have debris removed from private property. Lastly, the complainant alleges that the Metro Council member violated Section 21.09 of the Ethics Ordinance by using an assigned government e-mail

account, cell phone, and other equipment to benefit a political campaign. The Ethics Commission reviewed the information provided by the parties and voted to further investigate the allegations.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ETHICS CODE

The Ethics Commission recommends that the terms in Section 21.02(A), "privileges" and "advantages", should be defined terms in Section 21.01 of the Ethics Ordinance.