

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

December 15, 2011

3:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Thelma Clemons
Mr. Terry Conway
Mr. Skip Daleure
Mr. Jonathan Ricketts
Ms. Vickie Tabler
Enid Frances Trucios-Haynes

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Janet Black, Admin. Support, HR
Ms. Deborah Kent, Ethics Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Hoffman, Maj. Caucus Dir
Mr. Sheldon Shafer, Courier-Journal

Old Business

Workgroup Meeting-Ms. Kent presented to the workgroup the latest amendments to LMO 21. Upon review by the group, Mr. Ricketts made a motion to accept the amendments to LMO 21, Mr. Conway seconded and the motion was moved. Meeting of the workgroup adjourned at 3:30pm.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Ethics Commission was called to order at 3:31 pm by Mr. Jonathan Ricketts. Mr. Ricketts introduced Ms. Enid Frances Trucios-Haynes as the newest member to the commission. Mr. Ricketts made a motion to accept the minutes of November 17, 2011 as written, Mr. Skip Daleure seconded and the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Mr. Ricketts asked the Commission to approve the amendments as written, Mr. Daleure seconded and the amendments were approved.

The Commission went to discussion about making other amendments to the ordinance. Mr. Ricketts asked for a motion to approve the changes to the ordinances. Mr. Daleure made a motion to accept the amendments to the ordinance, Ms. Vicki Tabler second and the motion was moved.

Ms. Kent presented to the commission changes that were made on the Advisory Opinion and the Ethics Complaint forms. The commission agreed on the changes with the Complaint Form, where language was included to warn a complainant of filing a false complaint and the penalties that they may be subject to.

Mr. Ricketts asked the commission to take another view of the Advisory Opinion to discuss whether the language and format should be approved as is. The commission will discuss the changes at the next meeting.

New Business

Consideration of Complaint 11-P-003 – Ms. Kent was asked by the Commission to draft a letter to Mr. Donnie Morris explaining that his complaint could not be considered because of being submitted on an obsolete form.

Advisory Opinion 11-D-001

Discussion about whether or not the director should be on the board in question since she is a Metro Employee. Will the board solicit donation from potential vendors? As the director, she would not be able to use her official position to solicit donations. Mr. Ricketts, asked that counsel, Ms. Kent to speak with the director about her role on this board.

Advisory Opinion 11-C-004

Ms. Trucios-Haynes recused herself from discussion on the advisory opinion from Council Member David James, since she is also an employee of the University of Louisville. Mr. James is requesting whether or not it would be a violation for him to vote on the QCCT agreement that is before the Metro Council since he is an employee of U of L. A question was asked if U of L would benefit from this agreement and if so, would Mr. James also benefit being an employee of the university. It was discussed that the opinion would relate to §21.02 Standard of Conduct (C). Mr. Ricketts made a motion to recommend to Mr. James that voting on this agreement would appear to be in violation. The Commission agreed and the motion was moved.

Financial Disclosure Statement 2012

Several questions were raised about some of the language on the Financial Disclosure Statement. Mr. Daleure asked about the asterisks on the form and stated that it was confusing to know which section it highlighting. Mr. Ricketts asked the commission to review the form again for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Daleure made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm and seconded by Ms. Thelma Clemons.