

**ETHICS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SESSION**

The Ethics Board (“Board”) met on Friday, January 16th, 2026, at 2:30pm by conference call via Microsoft Teams.

Call to Order & Statement Concerning the Recording of the Public Session: Chair Stephan Fogleman called the Board meeting to order at with all Board members, a quorum, present. No members were absent.

Chair Stephan Fogleman read the following statement:

All participants in the Public Session of the Board meeting acknowledge and consent to the video and audio recording of the Public Session and the publication of the recording on the Board’s website and social media accounts.

Statement Concerning the Administrative Session of the December 10th Board Meeting: Chair Fogleman read the following statement:

Per the Open Meetings Act, the Board discloses that it adjourned its virtual open meeting on December 10th to enter the Administrative Session at approximately 2:53. All Board members were present. No members were absent. Members discussed administrative matters including complaints.

The Board may need to close some or all of this meeting to preserve the confidentiality mandated by the Ethics Code or as otherwise authorized by the State Open Meetings Act. Likewise, upon adjournment of the Open Session, the Board may reconvene for an Administrative Session to discuss non-public, administrative functions of the Board.

Review of Schedules and Agenda: Vice Chair John McCauley hard stop at 4:00

Approval of Written Minutes for the Administrative Session of the December 10th, 2025, Board Meeting: The board moved to approve the written minutes

Staff Update: Ethics staff have begun contacting elected officials about the filing deadline for the financial disclosure.

Dir. Amberger has continued his in-person ethics training with individual agencies and new employees.

Special Assistant Anetra Moore provided the following metrics for December on the Board staff’s recent work:

- Help Desk
 - 61 help desk requests were received and resolved by Board staff in December.
 - 1 help desk requests were from lobbyists.
 - 5 help desk requests were concerning gift solicitation waivers.
 - 39 help desk requests were concerning financial disclosure statements.

- 11 help desk requests were ethics inquiries.
 - 4 help desk requests were concerning the Ethics Training.
 - 1 help desk requests were administrative (question about deadlines, forms, etc).
 - 0 help desk requests were not within the Board's jurisdiction and were referred elsewhere.
- FY26 requests: 422
- Ethics Training
 - 19 people completed the Ethics Training in December.
 - FY26 attendees: 291
- Complaints
 - FY26 Complaints: 4
 - Open: 0
 - Dismissed: 4
- Secondary Employment Waivers
 - Waiver Requests: 0
 - FY26 Granted Waivers: 0
- Gift Solicitation Waivers
 - 1 gift solicitation waiver applications were submitted to the Board for the December 10th Board meeting.
 - FY26 Active Waivers: 5
 - FY26 Expired/Rescinded Waivers: 4
- Financial Disclosure Statements
 - Reminders for the Elected officials to complete their disclosure by February 2nd, 2026, went out on January 1st, 5th, and 12th.
- Lobbying
 - Registrations terminated on December 31st, reminders for lobbyists to submit their annual report went out on January 5th and 14th

Charitable/Governmental Gift Solicitation Waivers Digital Equity Services
Charitable/Governmental Gift Solicitation Waiver Application – Broadband and Digital Equity, Baltimore City Office of Information and Technology: Deputy Director Moret was present to discuss the Office of Broadband and Digital Equity's (BDE) plans to seek external funding to support digital equity programming after its ARPA grant ends on June 30, 2026. Funds raised will support staffing and the continuation of ongoing digital equity initiatives.

The board approved the waiver with amended changes to the solicitation dates with a vote of 3-0

The Public Session adjourned at 2:58 pm.