

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF ETHICAL CONDUCT
OF THE
METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY
TENNESSEE**

Lydia Yousief,)
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 Complainant,)
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 v.)
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 Carol McCoy,)
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 Respondent.)
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ORDER

This matter came before the Board of Ethical Conduct (“Board”) of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County on April 4, 2024, pursuant to a complaint filed by Lydia Yousief (“Complainant”), against Metropolitan Arts Commission (“Arts Commission”) member, Carol McCoy (“Respondent”).

Complainant filed this matter as an ethics complaint pursuant to the procedures set out in Metropolitan Code § 2.222.040.

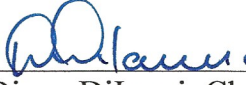
Complainant alleged that Respondent violated the Open Meetings Act, humiliated a Black Metro Arts staff member publicly, and made openly racist and classist remarks with a general disregard for the arts community.

Pursuant to the provisions of Metropolitan Code § 2.222.040(C)(1)(e), the Department of Law evaluated the allegations of the complaint for the purpose of determining whether the facts as alleged, if proven true, would give rise to a violation of the Standards of Conduct. Upon completing its evaluation, the Department of Law recommended dismissal of the complaint. The Board unanimously adopted a motion to

dismiss with prejudice the portions of the complaint relating to violations of the Open Meetings Act and dismiss without prejudice all other parts of the complaint.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF ETHICAL CONDUCT, that the complaint filed by Complainant against the Respondent, concerning violations of the Standards of Conduct, is hereby dismissed with the first allegation being dismissed with prejudice and the remaining allegations dismissed without prejudice.

Entered, this the 5th day of April, 2024.



Diane DiIanni, Chairperson
Metropolitan Board of Ethical Conduct

cc: Complainant, Lydia Yousief
Respondent, Carol McCoy