Metropolitan Board of Ethical Conduct
Minutes of Meeting

Friday, April 4, 2025

The Board of Ethical Conduct held a meeting on this date in Metropolitan Council Committee Room 1 of the Second Floor of the Historic Courthouse in Nashville, Tennessee.

Persons in Attendance:

Diane DiIanni, Board Chair
Brigid Carpenter, Board Member
Kinika Young, Board Member
Darrel Wilson, Board Member
Sandra Sepulveda, Ex-Officio Board Member

Nicki Eke, Legal Counsel
Austin Kyle, Metropolitan Clerk
Shawn Reed, Deputy Metropolitan Clerk

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment Period

No members of the public signed up to speak.

Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2024 as revised

Ms. Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of July 8, 2024 as revised, which motion was seconded and approved by the following vote: "Ayes" (4): DiIanni, Carpenter, Wilson, and Young; "Noes" (0); "Abstain" (0).

Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2025

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2024, which motion was seconded and approved by the following vote: "Ayes" (4): DiIanni, Carpenter, Wilson, and Young; "Noes" (0); "Abstain" (0).

Announcement of Appeal Rights

The Clerk announced that parties who disagree with a final decision of the Board may appeal by filing a writ of certiorari with the Davidson County Chancery Court within sixty (60) days of entry of the Order, and parties are encouraged to seek independent legal advice to ensure that applicable procedures and deadlines are properly followed.

Review and discussion of the supplemental report regarding lobbyists reporting and clients of lobbyists prepared by the Metropolitan Clerk.

Chair DiIanni offered a brief review of the supplemental report and opened the floor for discussion.

After discussion, Ms. Carpenter moved to request that the Clerk send to all Metro Council Members a notice that the individuals listed on the 2024 Annual Lobbying and Expense Report's Not Received List be presented in summary fashion to each Council Member by email and/or hard copy. After further discussion by the Board and clarification received from Legal Counsel Eke, Ms. Carpenter withdrew the previous motion.

After further discussion on this matter, Chair DiIanni moved to request that the Metro Clerk's Office send the list of 2024 Lobbyists who failed to comply with the reporting requirements to the Council by hard copy and email with the description of the list being these individuals who cannot serve as lobbyists in 2025 unless they appear before the Board at a hearing and are authorized to do so per Metropolitan Code of Laws Section 2.196.111, which motion was seconded and approved by the following vote: "Ayes" (4): DiIanni, Carpenter, Wilson, and Young; "Noes" (0); "Abstain" (0).

Ms. Carpenter moved to request the Clerk submit a copy of the Supplemental report and analysis, along with a cover letter explaining the analysis to the Vice Mayor for informational purposes only, which motion was seconded and approved by the following vote: "Ayes" (4): DiIanni, Carpenter, Wilson, and Young; "Noes" (0); "Abstain" (0).

Next Steps/Scheduling

At this time, the next scheduled meeting is the annual standing meeting of the Board on Monday, March 2, 2026.

Adjournment

Upon motion properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.