

Metropolitan Board of Ethical Conduct
Minutes of Meeting

Monday, August 11, 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
Joseph Gutierrez, Board Member
Chris Sabis, Board Member
Darryl Wilson, Board Member
Kinika Young, Board Member

Nicki Eke, Legal Counsel
Hannah Zeitlin, Legal Counsel
Austin Kyle, 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 April 4, 2025

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2025, which motion was seconded and approved by the following vote: “Ayes” (6): DiIanni, Carpenter, Gutierrez, Sabis, 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.

Discussion and Analysis of Complaint and Department of Law’s memorandum re: Kennetha Patterson v. Office of Homeless Services and Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency.

Chair DiIanni gave a brief summary of the role of the Board pursuant to the Metro Code of Laws and the process the Board would be following for the meeting.

Legal Counsel Eke provided a summary of the Department of Law memorandum regarding the complaint filed by Kennetha Patterson against the Office of Homeless Services, the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency, Strobel House, and other relevant officials and entities. Ms. Eke indicated that for the reasons provided herein, the Department of Law recommends the

dismissal of the ethics complaint filed by Mrs. Patterson. The complaint fails to name an elected official or member of a board or commission who violated the Standards of Conduct. Further, the allegations in the complaint do not involve ethical matters. The grievances in the complaint are related to operational aspects of the Nashville-Davidson County Continuum of Care, which are matters beyond the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethical Conduct.

After discussion, Mr. Sabis moved to dismiss the complaint for the reasons stated in the Department of Law report, which motion was seconded and approved by the following vote: “Ayes” (6): DiIanni, Carpenter, Gutierrez, Sabis, 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 10:33 a.m.