Metropolitan Board of Ethical Conduct
Minutes of Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2026

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

Persons in Attendance:

Diane DiIanni, Board Chair
Kaymi Butler, Board Member
Brigid Carpenter, Board Member
Allen King, Board Member
Chris Sabis, Board Member
Darryl Wilson, Board Member
Kinika Young, Board Member
Delishia Porterfield, 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 December 17, 2025

Mr. Wilsom moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025, which motion was seconded and approved by the following vote: "Ayes" (7): DiIanni, Butler, Carpenter, King, 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: Paul Pleiman. v. Council Member Jennifer Gamble

Chair DiIanni called on the Department of Law to provide a summary of the memorandum regarding the complaint.

Legal Counsel Eke provided a summary of the Department of Law memorandum regarding the complaint filed by Paul Pleiman and indicated that the facts alleged in the complaint, if true, would not give rise to a violation of the standards of conduct and recommended that the Board dismiss the complaint.

Chair DiIanni stated that the Board would proceed to discussion of the complaint and the memorandum provided by the Department of Law. After discussion, Ms. Young moved to accept the recommendation of the Department of Law and to dismiss the complaint in its entirety, which motion was seconded and approved by the following vote: “Ayes” (7): DiIanni, Butler, Carpenter, King, Sabis, Wilson, and Young; “Noes” (0); “Abstain” (0). Chair DiIanni declared that motion was adopted and the complaint was dismissed.

<u>Review and Discussion of Final Order and Disclosure re: Jasper Hendricks, Fair Board Chair</u>

The Board reviewed the Final Order and the written warning that was issued to Fair Board Chair Jasper Hendricks on December 3, 2025. The Board confirmed that the ethics training materials had been sent to Mr. Hendricks as part of the Order issued by the Board. The Board reviewed the disclosure statement that was issued by Mr. Hendricks on February 2, 2026 and the consensus was that the disclosure was late, deficient, and non-compliant with the Board’s Order. After discussion, Chair DiIanni moved for the Chair to coordinate with the Department of Law to prepare a response letter to be issued to Mr. Hendricks notifying him of the deficiencies in his submitted disclosure and requiring a revised disclosure that complies with the December 3, 2025 Order be submitted no later than March 23, 2026, which motion was seconded and approved by the following vote: “Ayes” (7): DiIanni, Butler, Carpenter, King, Sabis, Wilson, and Young; “Noes” (0); “Abstain” (0).

<u>Annual Lobbying and Expense Reporting</u>

The Clerk reported that for the 2025 reporting period, all registered lobbyists had filed their report in compliance with the Metro Code of Laws. The Board directed the Clerk to notify the Vice Mayor that the recommendations by the Board and the legislative changes brought by the Metropolitan Council have allowed us to achieve 100% compliance with the reporting requirements for the first time since the Board of Ethical Conduct began overseeing this process.

<u>Next Steps/Scheduling</u>

The Board scheduled a meeting for March 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. to follow-up on the matter regarding the revised disclosure requirement for Fair Board Chair, Jasper Hendricks.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Upon motion properly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.