

# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARD OF ETHICS

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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS Board Meeting Minutes October 15, 2025

Present: Kara Hunt, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)

Melanie Barr-Brooks, Board Member (Microsoft Teams) Jason Papanikolas, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)

Todd M. Turner, Executive Director (Microsoft Teams) Roslyn Walker, Compliance Officer (Microsoft Teams) Chelinda Bullock, Administrative Aide (Microsoft Teams)

Garry Bourke, Investigator (Microsoft Teams)

Bamidele Alexander, Legal Counsel, (Microsoft Teams)

Fernando Casto-Gomez, Compliance Analyst (Microsoft Teams)

Matthew Bohrer, Associate County Attorney (OOL) (Microsoft Teams)

#### **OPEN SESSION**

# I. OPENING OF MEETING

The Board Chair, Melanie Barr-Brooks, opened the Board of Ethics ("Board") meeting at approximately 5:12 pm and welcomed all in attendance. There was a quorum present with three (3) Board of Ethics Members ("Board Members") present. The meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams.

## II. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Agenda for October 15, 2025, was approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2025, and September 10, 2025, were approved by a vote 3-0.

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#### III. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

None to report.

# IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The Executive Director (ED) informed the Board of the following Office of Ethics and Accountability (OEA) compliance activities:

- OEA continues the CY 2024 Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) Agency/ Board/Commission compliance process, and the CY 2025 FDS notifications will be sent to County Employees/Officials and Board Members.
- The September 2025 Lobbyist registrations were posted to OEA's website, provided to the Executive and Legislative Branches, and included in Board backup.

The Executive Director informed the Board of the following items:

- The Board was notified that OEA will hold an Ethics Training for the OHRM Executive Development Institute (EDI) program for senior County officials.
- The Board was advised that the State Ethics Commission Annual Certification Letter was forwarded on October 1, 2025, with a copy of FY25 OEA's Annual Report, and provided in Board backup.
- The Board was advised that the FY25 Annual Report was disseminated to the appropriate County officials and Board Members.
- The Board was provided an update on the County Code Proposed Legislation Bills CB-36-2025 and CB-68-2025, and copies will be provided to the Board.
- The Board was informed that the Board Recognition Event for the outgoing Board Member was successful.

Finally, the Board was provided with the Ethics Advice Table for September 2025, which summarized the informal ethics advice, information requests, and legal advice provided by OEA. Also, the Board was provided with a Case Status Report.

# V. READING OF WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING MEETING UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

At 5:33 pm, a motion was made by Board Chair Melanie Barr-Brooks and seconded by Board Member Jason Papanikolas to close the open portion of the meeting to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter and to consult with legal counsel. The statement was read by Board Chair Barr-Brooks.

The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0. This meeting was closed under General Provisions Art. §3-305(b) for the following reasons: (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business, (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Kara Hunt, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)
Melanie Barr-Brooks, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)
Jason Papanikolas, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)

Todd M. Turner, Executive Director (Microsoft Teams) @ 6:02 pm departed the meeting and returned @ 6:45 pm and then @ 6:47 pm departed the meeting.

Roslyn Walker, Compliance Officer (Microsoft Teams) @ 6:02 pm departed the meeting and returned @ 6:45 pm.

Chelinda Bullock, Administrative Aide (Microsoft Teams)

Garry Bourke, Investigator (Microsoft Teams) @ 6:02 pm departed the meeting and returned @ 6:45 pm.

Bamidele Alexander, Legal Counsel (Microsoft Teams) @ 6:02 pm departed the meeting and returned @ 6:45 pm.

Fernando Casto-Gomez, Compliance Analyst (Microsoft Teams) @ 6:02 pm departed the meeting.

Matthew Bohrer, Associate County Attorney (Microsoft Teams) @ 5:41 pm entered the meeting and departed the meeting @ 6:44 pm.

## VI. CLOSED SESSION

The Board was informed there were no FDS Violations and FDS Late Fee Waiver Requests; update on FDS late fees collected; and FDS Settlement Agreements meetings.

# Investigations:

# OEA Case #26-0068e

The Board was provided with an update involving allegations of the Use of County Resources related to a County employee using government property. By a vote of 3-0, there are insufficient facts upon which to base a determination of a violation and to dismiss the complaint.

#### OEA Case #25-0428e

The Board was provided with an update involving allegations of Use of Prestige of Office and County Resources related to a County employee using government property. By a vote of 3-0, the Board determined that there is a reasonable basis to believe a violation has occurred in lieu of conducting a hearing, the Board accepts the actions taken by the agency as appropriate to address the violation.

#### OEA Case #25-0358e

The Board was provided with an update involving allegations of Use of Prestige of Office and County Resources related to a County employee having outside employment. The Board will defer for further investigation.

# **Litigation Update**

#### **OEA Case #25-0387**

The Board was provided with an update involving allegations of a Conflict of Interest Secondary Employment related to a County employee.

## **OEA Case #26-0083**

The Board was provided with an update involving allegations of a Conflict of Interest Secondary Employment related to a County employee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At the conclusion of all business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm. The motions were approved 3-0.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, @ 5:00 pm.

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