



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARD OF ETHICS

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Rev. Dr. Gerald Folsom, Member
Lori M. Matthews, Member

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2026

Present: Jason Papanikolas, Chair (Microsoft Teams)
Rev. Dr. Gerald Folsom, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)
Lori M. Matthews, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)
Kara Hunt, Board Member (Microsoft Teams) entered at 5:03 pm

Todd M. Turner, Executive Director (Microsoft Teams)
Roslyn Walker, Compliance Officer (Microsoft Teams)
Bamidele Alexander, Legal Counsel (Microsoft Teams)
Garry Bourke, Investigator (Microsoft Teams)
Chelinda Bullock, Board Administrator (Microsoft Teams)
Fernando Casto-Gomez, Compliance Analyst (Microsoft Teams)

OPEN SESSION

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Papanikolas opened the Board of Ethics ("Board") meeting at approximately 5:01 pm and welcomed all in attendance. There was a quorum of the Board of Ethics Members ("Board Members") present.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Agenda for June 10, 2026, was approved by a vote of 3-0.

The Meeting Minutes for April 15, 2026, were approved by a vote of 3-0, with one abstention, and the minutes for May 13, 2026, were approved by a vote of 3-0.

III. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Board Chair initiated a request for a Board Retreat for the Board of Ethics during the summer recess and directed OEA to schedule based on members' schedules.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

- OEA is in the compliance stage of the CY 2025 Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) submissions. As of June 1st, 1,038 County employees/officials have submitted their FDS.
- The May 2026 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 provided with an update on the OHRM mandatory online Annual Compliance Education (ACE) program for all County employees, which included required Ethics and Political Activity training. As of June 1st, 89% of employees have completed both the Ethics and Political Activity training.
- The Board was notified that OEA scheduled training for the Commission on Aging on June 25, 2026. In addition, the ED will be conducting an in-person training at the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Summer Conference on June 14th.
- The Board was notified that OEA received its updated English and Spanish informational brochures for dissemination at County events.
- The Board was notified that the FY2027 County Budget was passed with no changes to OEA's budget.

Finally, the Board was provided with the Ethics Advice Table for May 2026, which summarized the informal ethics advice, information requests, and legal advice provided by OEA. The Board was also provided with a Case Status Report for June 2026.

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

At 5:14 pm, a motion was made by Board Chair Papanikolas and seconded by Board Member Matthews 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. Board Chair Papanikolas read the statement. A vote of 4-0 approved the motion.

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 disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Rev. Dr. Gerald Folsom, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)
Jason Papanikolas, Chair Pro Tem (Microsoft Teams)
Lori M. Matthews, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)
Kara Hunt, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)

Todd M. Turner, Executive Director (Microsoft Teams) – exited @ 7:11 pm
Roslyn Walker, Compliance Officer (Microsoft Teams)
Bamidele Alexander, Legal Counsel (Microsoft Teams)
Garry Bourke, Investigator (Microsoft Teams)
Chelinda Bullock, Board Administrator (Microsoft Teams)

Melvin Powell, DCAO, County Executive (Microsoft Teams) entered 5:30 pm - 5:41 pm

VI. CLOSED SESSION

Financial Disclosure Statements

The Board was provided an FDS Late Fee Waiver Requests List, and there were no FDS Violations at this time. The Board approved the FDS Late Fee Waiver Requests by a vote of 4-0.

Lobbyists

The Board was informed there were no Lobbyist Waiver requests at this time.

Other Updates

The Board was informed of two (2) MPIA Requests received in OEA.

The Board was informed of the vacancies on the Board of Ethics and the current terms of the Board Members.

Advisory Opinions

26-0381 – Conflict of Interest – The Board was provided an update on a request for a Formal Advisory Opinion on whether a conflict of interest exists related to Secondary Employment. By a vote of 4-0, the Board authorized the Chair's signature on a draft of a Formal Advisory Opinion letter finding a conflict of interest.

Investigations

25-0041 – Use of Prestige of Office and Conflict of Interest - The Board was provided with an update regarding an anonymous complaint involving a County employee related to engaging in procurement irregularities and retaliatory conduct. By a vote of 4-0, the Board found there are insufficient facts upon which to base a determination of a violation and to dismiss the complaint.

26-0052 - Use of Prestige of Office and Conflict of Interest - The Board was provided with an update regarding an anonymous complaint involving a County employee related to personal business while attending a conference. By a vote of 4-0, , the Board found there are insufficient facts upon which to base a determination of a violation and to dismiss the complaint.

26-0220 – Conflict of Interest - The Board was provided with an update regarding a complaint involving a County employee related to political activity. By a vote of 4-0,, the Board found there are insufficient facts upon which to base a determination of a violation and to dismiss the complaint.

26-0319 – Use of Prestige of Office and Use of County Resources – The Board was provided an update regarding a County employee related to political activity using County resources for a video. By a vote of 4-0, , the Board found there are insufficient facts upon which to base a determination of a violation and to dismiss the complaint.

26-0351 – Use of County Resources – The Board was provided an update regarding a County employee related to an email requesting public support for legislation that met the lobbying definition. By a vote of 4-0, , the Board found there are insufficient facts upon which to base a determination of a violation and to dismiss the complaint.

26-0262 – Conflict of Interest and FWAI – The Board was provided an update regarding a County employee related to a conflict of interest and illegal acts. By a vote of 3-0-1 with one abstention, the Board found there are insufficient facts upon which to base a determination of a violation and to dismiss the complaint.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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- Approved

At the conclusion of all business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. The motion was approved 4-0.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, @ 5:00 pm.