

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARD OF ETHICS

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS Board Meeting Minutes September 10, 2025

Present:

Kara Hunt, Board Member (Microsoft Teams) @ 5:13 pm Melanie Barr-Brooks, Board Member (Microsoft Teams) Jason Papanikolas, Board Member (Microsoft Teams) Charlene Gallion, 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)

Raymond Mosely of Cheverly, Maryland (Open Session Only)

OPEN SESSION

I. OPENING OF MEETING

The Board Chair Melanie Barr-Brooks opened the Board of Ethics ("Board") meeting at approximately 5:02 pm and welcomed all in attendance. There was a quorum present with three (3) Board of Ethics Members ("Board Members") present at the start, and the 4th Board Member attended @ 5:13 pm. The meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Agenda for June 18, 2025, was approved by a vote of 3-0, and one (1) absent.

The Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2025, will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting.

Approved October 15, 2025

III. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

The Chair recognized outgoing Board Member Charlene Gallion for her over five (5) years of service on the Board. Ms. Gallion provided comments regarding her service on the Board.

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 notifications to County Employees/Officials, and Board Members.
- The August 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 held an Ethics Training on July 9, 2025, with the new County Executive Administration; an Ethics Training on August 26, 2025, with the Redevelopment Authority; and conducted the MACO Ethics Course on August 9, 2025.
- The Board was notified that OEA attended the National Night Out on August 5, 2025.
- The Board was advised that the State Ethics Commission Annual Certification Letter will be forwarded on October 1, 2025, with a copy of FY25 OEA's Annual Report.
- The Board was advised that the FY25 Annual Report was completed and posted to OEA's County webpage.
- The Board was advised that the Compliance Analyst Position vacancy was filled, and the new employee started on September 8, 2025.
- The Board was advised that this will be the last meeting for one of the Board of Ethics Members, and a Recognition Event will be held on September 24, 2025.
- The Board was advised that the Executive Director will be on leave for two weeks, along with two staff members attending a National Ethics Training Seminar for three days.

Finally, the Board was provided with the Ethics Advice Table for June, July, and August 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 5:25 pm, a motion was made by Board Chair Melanie Barr-Brooks and seconded by Board Member Charlene Gallion 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 4-0. 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)
Charlene Gallion, Board Member (Microsoft Teams)

Todd M. Turner, Executive Director (Microsoft Teams) @ 5:37 pm departed meeting, returned @ 7:10 pm)
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)

VI. CLOSED SESSION

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

The Board was provided a chart of the FDS Late Fee and Waivers that were granted.

Investigations:

OEA Case #25-0415e

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 4-0, the Board determined that there are insufficient facts upon which to base a determination of a violation and dismissed 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 4-0, the Board determined that there is a reasonable basis to believe a violation of the Prince George's County Code of Ethics has occurred. The Board will reserve taking further action for thirty (30) days to allow the agency to respond to the identified ethics 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.

Lobbyists Waiver Requests

The Board was provided an update of the Lobbyists' Late Fee Payments, and OEA will continue to follow up if needed.

Litigation Update

OEA Case #24-307e

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At the conclusion of all business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. The motion was approved 4-0.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 5:00 pm.