

Minutes of the Ethics Hearing Board

January 17, 2019

City of Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board ("Board")

Ethics Office - Room 328, City-County Bldg., Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Board Members Present:

Jeanette Ho, Chair
Orlando Portela Valentin, Secretary
Patrick Bigley
Sean Coleman
Greg Monaco
Melanie Harrington

Board Members Absent:

Khalif Ali
Lynn Davenport, Vice Chair
Fred Brown

Also Present:

Leanne Davis, Executive Manager
Matthew Stidle, Assistant Solicitor for the City of Pittsburgh
Heather Schultz, Investigator

- **Call to Order**
 - This supplementary meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair Jeanette Ho. The meeting was broadcast in the Ethics Office by speakerphone.
- **Public Comment**
 - There was no public comment.
- **Executive Manager's Report:**
 - Reviewed updates on campaign finance regulations, in regard to information and feedback requested and received by the Executive Manager. As discussed in recent meetings, during the legislative session regarding the revision to 198.05 to increase notification, City Council requested additional revisions. The Executive Manager met on January 7 with the City Clerk to address and discuss possible solutions. The purpose of the Board's current revisions are to respond to City Council's request for input based on their expressed concerns.
 - Assistant Solicitor Matt Stidle and the Executive Manager discussed with the Board the proposed revisions to §198 of the Ethics Code.
 - Purpose is to reduce the burden on elected official to supplant reports created for the Board with those required by County filing reports.
 - March is the first required filing under the new law.
 - Clarified the role and powers of the Ethics Hearing Board, explicitly carrying over items which are already provided under §197.

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- Specifically, one of the enumerated duties of the Board is to propose legislative changes. *See* §197.11(b).
 - Sean Coleman presented a motion to adopt the County reporting deadlines and to add three reports exclusively for the Ethics Hearing Board. Patrick Bigley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Greg Monaco and Jeannette Ho abstained from the vote because they did not have time to review the changes; Patrick Bigley, Sean Coleman, Orlando Portela Valentin, and Melanie Harrington all voted to approve the motion whereupon the motion carried.
- **Adjournment and Executive Session**
 - The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00AM and entered into executive session. The purpose of the executive session was to deliberate on an advisory opinion and complaints, investigations and/or hearings.
 - Deliberations held in executive session per §197.13(d) and per 65 Pa. C.S. §708(a)(5).

Minutes prepared by Heather Schultz and reviewed by Leanne Davis.