

CITY OF PITTSBURGH ETHICS HEARING BOARD (“EHB”)

MEETING AGENDA

March 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room 501 City-County Building (Use Ross St. Side Elevators)
414 Grant St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Members of the public are invited to attend in-person, via Microsoft Teams, or submit public comments in advance if unable to attend. Please email or call prior to the meeting at leanne.davis@pittsburghpa.gov or 412-255-2122.

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Meeting Minutes
 - a. November 7, 2023
- IV. Advisory Opinions
 - a. Review and respond to request for advisory opinions in executive session, vote
- V. Legislation and Regulations
 - a. Lobbying
 - i. Draft text with revisions to Sections 161.37, Chapter 196, and 197.01, attached to this agenda
 - b. Waivers
 - i. Discussion on appropriate factors, frameworks
 1. Example of waiver process in NYC: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/coib/public-documents/waivers.page>
 2. Examples from Chicago:
 - a. Waiver approval: <https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/ethics/general/Waivers/Hoxie-2020.pdf>
 - b. Retroactively granted waiver: <https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/ethics/general/Waivers/Martinez%20Waiver.pdf>
 - c. Waiver denial: <https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/ethics/general/Publications/waivers.pdf>
 - c. Gifts – moved to committee
 - VI. Administrative – New business
 - a. Correspondence to nominees regarding required disclosures prior to appointment – work with City staff -- goal to inform appointed public officials on how they can request advice and receive ethics training.
 - b. Advice request form published on City’s portal <https://us.openforms.com/Form/b36ab35f-b417-4abb-b2bb-f05a48954424>

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- c. Ethics Training Thursday March 14 at 1:30 p.m. -- permit virtual attendance?
 - d. Additional URA advisories issued
 - e. Interns update
 - f. Budget and staffing update
 - g. Philadelphia’s final draft of Conflict of Interest Policy, published Jan. 3, 2024:
 - i. <https://www.phila.gov/media/20210606173632/BOE-regulation-5.pdf>
 - h. Cogel conference highlights – academia, gifts, pay to play
- VII. Adjourn to ongoing executive session