

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**



On January 11, 2019, BEGA published Unapproved Meeting Minutes for its January 10, 2019 meeting (Unapproved Minutes). It has come to our attention that there is an error in the Unapproved Minutes. We are now issuing Corrected Unapproved Meeting Minutes for the Board’s January 10, 2019 meeting. (Corrected Unapproved Minutes).

Specifically, the Unapproved Minutes inaccurately stated that while providing a report on non-confidential investigations, the Director of the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) said the “formal investigation into allegations that Councilmember Evans violated the Council Code of Conduct is currently stayed due to a criminal investigation.” After reviewing a recording of the meeting, we have confirmed that the Director actually said that the “formal investigation into allegations that Councilmember Evans violated the Council Code of Conduct is currently stayed.” Thus, we have issued Corrected Unapproved Minutes to accurately reflect the meeting record.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, an attendee asked the Director why the investigation into Councilmember Evans had been stayed. In response, the Director stated that “the investigation has been stayed because of an ongoing law enforcement investigation.”

From time to time, the OGE investigates matters that may also draw the attention of other investigative agencies, including law enforcement agencies. In those instances, the OGE may inform those agencies of our investigative progress, and it is the OGE’s policy to stay our ethics investigation whenever we are requested to do so by a law enforcement agency that is also investigating the matter. While the OGE publicly discloses the number of its investigations that have been stayed due to ongoing law enforcement investigations, it typically declines to identify which specific agency requested us to do so in deference to our partner agencies in an effort to minimize the possibility of impeding their own investigations.

The Corrected Unapproved Minutes for the January 10, 2019 meeting are available on our [website](#). In accordance with D.C. Official Code § 2-578(b)(2), the complete audio recording of the meeting will be available no later than January 22, 2019.