

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



**Anita Bonds,
Respondent**

Case No. 24-0003-F

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE BOARD on the request of the Director of Government Ethics that the formal investigation initiated against Respondent herein be dismissed; and

IT APPEARING that, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.13(a)(1), a formal investigation was initiated against Respondent, a Member of the District of Columbia Council, upon receipt of a written complaint by Barry Weise which alleged that, during the 2018 election, Respondent coerced her staff to participate in her campaign while on government duty and in government space and additionally coerced her senior staff to direct other staff to engage in political campaign activity on government time and in government space in violation of the District's Code of Conduct;

IT APPEARING that, the Director has recommended that the Board dismiss this formal investigation for the following reasons:

1. The statute of limitations on the activity subject to this complaint has expired;

- a. Per D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.21(d), all actions of the Board or the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to enforce the provisions of this subchapter must be initiated within 5-years of the discovery of the alleged violation;
 - b. The sworn complaint was submitted to BEGA on October 24, 2023, and the alleged conduct occurred sometime in 2018;
 - c. BEGA is prohibited from taking enforcement action for conduct that occurred outside of the 5-year statute of limitations.
2. Respondent has agreed to undertake ethics training for herself and her office regarding permissible campaign activity and the Code of Conduct;

ORDERED that, pursuant to D.C. Official Code §1-1162.16(a)(1) the formal investigation initiated against Respondent be, and hereby is, DISMISSED with prejudice; and it is further

ORDERED that this case be CLOSED.



3.7.24

Norma Hutcheson
Chairperson, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

Date