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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Special Meeting of the Board

August 8, 2013
10:30 am
Via telephone conference
Call-in number: 866-421-3152. Participant code 7139036.

AGENDA

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I.   Call to Order

II.   Ascertainment of Quorum

III.   Adoption of the Agenda

   a.   Adoption of final rulemaking to amend Chapter 58 (Registration of Lobbyists), of Title 3 (Elections and Ethics), Section 5800.2 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("DCMR") to accurately specify the circumstances under which a person is required to register as a lobbyist in accordance with the requirements set forth in D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.27(a) of the Ethics Act, which is to require a person to register as a lobbyist under any one of the three listed circumstances, rather than under all three of the listed circumstances. (Emergency and proposed rulemaking published in 60 DCR 28 on June 28, 2013).

IV.   Executive Session (non-public) to Discuss Ongoing, Confidential Preliminary Investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14).

V.   Resumption of Public Meeting at 11:30 a.m. (approximately 60 minutes after the Ethics Board goes into Executive Session).

   a.   Discussion of any remaining public items.

VI.   Adjournment

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Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

Special Meeting of the Board

August 8, 2013, at 10:30 am

One Judiciary Square, Suite 830 S

I.   Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Chairman Robert Spagnoletti via telephone conference.

II.   Ascertainment of Quorum

All Board Members were present (Robert Spagnoletti, Deborah Lathen and Laura Richards), constituting a quorum.

III.   Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted unanimously.

Chairman Spagnoletti acknowledged that the Minutes of the August 1, 2013, Board Meeting were adopted by the Board electronically.   Traci Hughes, the Director of Open Government informed the Board that the Minutes were submitted to OCTO for posting; however, OCTO was experiencing technical difficulty with the Website. She indicated that she expected the Minutes to be posted in the afternoon.

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The Director of Government Ethics, Darrin Sobin asked the Board to sign off on the Final Rulemaking. He added that there was a 30 day window for public comment, but no comments were received.

The Board voted unanimously to sign the Notice of Final Rulemaking.

Chairman Robert Spagnoletti asked the public if they had any comments, no one responded. He closed the Public Session of the Meeting at 10:36 a.m.

IV.   Executive Session (non-public) to Discuss Ongoing, Confidential Preliminary Investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14).

The Executive Session of the Board Meeting commenced at 10:38 a.m.

V.   Resumption of Public Meeting at 11:30 a.m. (approximately 60 minutes after the Ethics Board goes into Executive Session).

The Public Meeting resumed at 11:43 a.m.

a.   Discussion of any remaining public items

Board Members Deborah Lathen and Laura Richards indicated that they wanted to discuss the draft lobbyist notice. However, the Director of Open Government, Traci Hughes informed them that since the item was not included on the Agenda, it could not be discussed at this time.

Having no further business before the Board, Chairman Spagnoletti announced the closing of the Public Meeting.

VI.   Adjournment

The Board Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.