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The BEGA Newsletter

Message from the Director —

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

**BEGA welcomes two new Board members:
Norma Hutcheson and Shomari Wade.**

Ms. Hutcheson is a native Washingtonian and Ward 4 resident. She is a graduate of Bucknell University, earning a Bachelors of Arts in History and Political Science, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Ms. Hutcheson's legal career spans thirty-six years of service with the United States Postal Service where she managed, litigated, and trained in the areas of labor and employment law, ethics, and revenue protection. She also held other positions such as Acting Manager and Attorney/Advisor at the Postal Service Headquarters.

Mr. Wade is a Ward 1 resident. He is a graduate of Howard University and Tulane University Law School. Mr. Wade has prior District government experience. He worked as the Deputy Director of the Office of Boards and Commissions, followed by service as a Senior Policy Analyst at EOM. He is currently an Associate with Troutman Sanders, LLP practicing in government contracting matters.

We are excited to have such great talents joining our Board.

Regards,

Darrin P. Sobin, Director

BEGA Happenings —

- Monthly Board Meeting – BEGA will hold its monthly meeting on July 15th at 11:00 a.m., One Judiciary Square, Suite 540 South.
- The Office of Government Ethics will be closed on Wednesday July 27th for a retreat.
- BEGA's Government Ethics Day and Annual Symposium will be held on October 20th at the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law, Moot Court Room. Stay tuned for details.
- You can now follow us on Twitter at [@dcbega](https://twitter.com/dcbega)

Upcoming Events —

- July 20th, 10:00-11:00 a.m. - Boards and Commissions Training - Office of Aging
- July 30th, 11:00 a.m. - Boards and Commissions Training - Wilson Building, 1st floor

Ethics in the News —

- Judge Sentences Former Alabama House Speaker to Four-Years in Prison for Ethics Case [Read More](#)
- Florida Congresswoman Indicted for Personal Slush Fund [Read More](#)
- One of Metro's New Board Members has a Potential Conflict of Interest [Read More](#)
- Virginia's Lenient Ethics Laws May Have Influenced the Supreme Court's Decision in the McDonnell Case [Read More](#)

Good to Know —

Outside Activities – With certain exceptions, employees are prohibited from ***representing any outside entity*** involving ***any matter*** before the District.

If you have any questions, we can be reached at 202-481-3411, or through our website at www.bega-dc.gov

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