

**City of College Park
Ethics Commission Meeting
Virtual Meeting
May 24, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
1. Commissioner Alan Bradford	X	
2. Commissioner Nora Eidelman		X
3. Commissioner Jane Hopkins	X	
4. Commissioner Frank Rose	X	
5. Commissioner Robert Thurston	X <i>Departed at 7:13 p.m.</i>	
6. Commissioner Rashida Tyler	X	

Also Present: Victoria Shearer, Legal Counsel; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Joi Woods, Contract Secretary

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Thurston called the Public Session to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Approval of the May 24, 2022 Agenda

Commissioner Hopkins made a motion to amend the agenda to elect a Vice Chair. Commissioner Thurston seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Commissioner Hopkins made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

III. Election of a Vice Chair

Commissioner Hopkins made a motion to elect Commissioner Rose as Vice Chair. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

IV. Motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss a request for an Advisory Opinion under Chapter 38 of the City Code.

Pursuant to the statutory authority of the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b), the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park are providing notice that they will meet in a closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction and to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter. Specifically, the Ethics Commission will discuss the request for an advisory opinion.

Commissioner Thurston made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a request for an Advisory Opinion under Chapter 38 of the City Code. Commissioner Bradford seconded the motion. Each member voted to close the meeting. The motion passed 5-0-0.

COMMISSIONER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Alan Bradford	X			
Nora Eidelman				X
Jane Hopkins	X			
Frank Rose	X			
Robert Thurston	X	Mr. Thurston recused himself from the Closed Meeting		
Rashida Tyler	X			

Ethics The The Commission noted that it would not return to open session after the closed session ended.

Commissioner Thurston recused himself from the closed session. The Public Session adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

I. Closed Session- Call to Order

Commissioner Rose called the closed session to order at 7:18 p.m.

COMMISSIONER	Present	Absent
Alan Bradford	X	
Nora Eidelman		x
Jane Hopkins	X	
Frank Rose	X	
Robert Thurston		x
Rashida Tyler	X	

Also Present: Victoria Shearer, Legal Counsel; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Joi Woods, Contract Secretary

The Commission reviewed and discussed the facts related to the advisory opinion.

Some highlighted points included:

- A. The roles and responsibilities of the position in question.
- B. Potential conflicts of interest related to the responsibilities of both the job and role as a committee member.

- C. The need to maintain objectivity when privy to information as a city employee.
- D. The need to establish awareness for city staff members to seek guidance from the Ethics Commission about potential conflicts of interest that may arise when joining city boards and committees.

Commissioner Rose made a motion to approve the draft advisory opinion prepared by Legal Counsel with discussed revisions, allowing the city staff member to serve on the Advisory Board. Each member voted to approve the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

II. Closed Session Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Bradford and seconded by Commissioner Rose to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**Closed Session
College Park Ethics Commission
May 24, 2022**

Pursuant to the statutory authority of the Maryland Annotated Code General Provisions Article Section 3-305 (B) (1), the Ethics Commission of the City of College Park met in a Closed Session virtually on May 24, 2022, to discuss a personnel matter.

Topic discussed: An Advisory Opinion from the College Park Human Resources Department regarding an employee being appointed to a City Advisory Board. Act

PRESENT ABSENT

1. Commissioner Alan Bradford	X	
2. Commissioner Nora Eidelman		X
3. Commissioner Jane Hopkins	X	
4. Commissioner Frank Rose	X	
5. Commissioner Joseph Theis	X	
6. Commissioner Robert Thurston		X
7. Commissioner Rashida Tyler	X	X

An Advisory Opinion was approved by the Ethics Commission: Advisory Opinion # 2022-01