

City of Annapolis

*160 Duke Of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401*



Standing Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

4:00 PM

**Mayor John T. Chambers, Jr.
City Council Chambers**

Rules & City Government Committee

1. Call To Order

Chairwoman Finalyson called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

3. Business before Committee

a. Approval of Minutes

[RCG020918](#) Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting

Chairman Arnett moved to approve. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

b. [ID-25-18](#) Presentation: Boards and Commissions

Public Engagement/Community Relations Specialist Rowel was present and provided the committee with an overview on Boards and Commissions. There are several vacancies that he will be filling. Alderman Arnett would like staff to come to the committee's on a regular basis with reports on boards and commissions. Chairwoman Finlayson would like to see the minutes from the boards and commissions before the end of the year, which would help to eliminate any potential problems. The Committee would like to see more training for board members. Alderman Savidge would like the Board's City Liaison to play more of a role. Chairwoman Finlayson would like for the committee members to have a copy of the vacancy list. Alderman Arnett would like rules and procedures in place for the boards and commissions, and would like for them to be approved by the appropriate committees. Chairwoman Finlayson would like an update from Mr. Rowel at next month's meeting.

4. Legislation before Committee

[O-1-18](#)

Public Ethics and Financial Disclosure - For the purpose of updating and amending the Ethics Code of Annapolis pursuant to the passage of HB 1386, effective October 1, 2017 and HB 879, effective January 1, 2019; clarifying certain definitions; ensuring City officials and employees are aware of their responsibilities pursuant to the Ethics Code; extending conflict of interest provisions to include lobbyists; amending the use of prestige of office restrictions; changing current policy regarding the reviewing and copying of financial disclosure statements by the public; removing the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board members from the financial disclosure filing requirements in accordance with recently enacted state law; making minor editorial changes; and matters generally relating to updating and amending the Ethics Code.

Ethics Commission members Jim Dolezal, Chairman, and Kevin Chase, Vice Chairman

were both present and answered questions from the committee. Their board has (2) vacancies.

Joe Budge was present and answered questions from the committee. The Ethic's Commission Amendments were presented.

O-1-18

Ethics Code Amendments

State Ethics Commission Proposed Amendments

AMENDMENT #1

Page 6, line 30, insert "4. A former regulated lobbyist who becomes a public official or employee may not participate in a case, contract, or other specific matter as a public official or

employee for one calendar year after the termination of the registration of the former regulated

lobbyist if the former regulated lobbyist previously assisted or represented another party for

compensation in the matter. This subparagraph does not apply to an individual who is a public

official or a member of a board or commission."

Page 6, line 31 substitute "34" with "35"

AMENDMENT #2

Page 7, line 27, after "office," delete "a former member of the City Council", insert "the former

official"

AMENDMENT #3

Page 7, lines 30-36, delete "3.A former regulated lobbyist who becomes a public official or

employee may not participate in a case, contract, or other specific matter as a public official or

employee for one calendar year after the termination of the registration of the former regulated

lobbyist if the former regulated lobbyist previously assisted or represented another party for

compensation in the matter. This subparagraph does not apply to an individual who is a public

official or a member of a board or commission."

Rules Committee Proposed Amendments

AMENDMENT #4

Page 7, 24, after the second "the City" insert ", for compensation,"

AMENDMENT #5

Page 7, line 28, after "another party" insert ", for compensation,"

Arnett moved to recommend with amendments. Seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Finlayson, Savidge and Arnett

5. Adjournment

6:05 p.m.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

**Teekia Green
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