

**City of College Park  
Ethics Commission Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
January 6, 2022  
7:00 PM**

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

**Also Present:** Victoria Shearer, Legal Counsel; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Respondents to an Ethics Commission Complaint; and Joi Woods, Contract Secretary

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Theis called the Public Session to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. Approval of the January 6, 2022 Agenda**

Commissioner Theis noted a change in the language of item #4 *Possibility of Returning to Open Session be changed to Return to Open Session.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Theis and seconded by Commissioner Bradford to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 7-0-0.**

**III. Closed Session: Pursuant to the statutory authority of the Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (B)(13), the Ethics Commission met in a Closed Session to discuss a matter that is required by § 38-8C(7) of the City Code to remain confidential. Based upon a review of the tape of the meeting, it appears that no separate motion was made to move into the Closed Session, even though that was the clear intent of the Commission. Therefore, in order to correct this technical oversight, the Commission voted retroactively (and unanimously) at their meeting on March 3, 2022 to move into Closed Session on January 6, 2022. A preliminary hearing on an Ethics Commission complaint was held during the Closed Session to determine if there were reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the Code occurred. The Closed Session was called to order at 7:10 p.m.**

- IV. Return to Open Session: The Ethics Commission voted to return to Open Session at 8:36 p.m.**
- V. Adjournment:**  
**A motion was made by Commissioner Theis and seconded by Commissioner Bradford to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**

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**Closed Session  
College Park Ethics Commission  
January 6, 2022**

Pursuant to the statutory authority of the Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (B)(13), the Ethics Commission met in a Closed Session to discuss a matter that is required by § 38-8C (7) of the City Code to remain confidential. Commissioner Theis noted that the Commission would hold a preliminary hearing on a complaint to determine if there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the code has occurred. The Closed Session was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance were Commissioners Bradford, Eidelman, Hopkins, Rose, Theis, Thurston and Tyler. Also present were Victoria Shearer, Legal Counsel; Yvette Allen, Assistant City Clerk; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; the respondents to the complaint; and Joi Woods, Contract Secretary.

The Ethics Commission held a Preliminary Hearing on an Ethics Commission complaint to determine if there were reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the Code occurred.

After the Preliminary Hearing, the Ethics Commission determined that there was no violation of the City Code and thereby dismissed the complaint. Pursuant to City Code § 38-8C (7) the matter shall remain confidential.