

Administrative Charging Committee (Wednesday, February 28, 2024)

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Members present

Nickolas Cromwell
Dr Linda Lymas
Peter Wild
Michael Deitch
Joyce Dyson

John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney
Gillian Bacon, Legal Assistant, II

Meeting called to order at 5:37 PM**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Call to Order: A. CALL TO ORDER

Nickolas Cromwell, Chair, called the meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee to order at 5:37pm in the Savich Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call, Action, Roll Call: A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

I move to approve the submitted agenda.

Motion by Peter Wild, second by Joyce Dyson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

Minutes, Action: B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I move to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee.

Motion by Michael Deitch, second by Dr Linda Lymas.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

3. ENTRY INTO CLOSED SESSION

Action, Discussion: A. ENTRY INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session under Local Government Article, §9-512 (a)(1) for the purpose of discussing personnel matters regarding a public agency or employee, and under Local Government Article, §9-512 (a)(7), to ensure compliance with State law requiring that review of an investigatory file by an Administrative Charging Committee be kept confidential until final disposition.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Michael Deitch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

4. 5:38 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION

Discussion: A. REVIEW OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) and § 9-512 (a)(7) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 5:88 p.m. - 6:02 p.m.

Location: Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss personnel matters regarding a public agency or employee, and to ensure compliance with State law requiring that review of an investigatory file by an Administrative Charging Committee be kept confidential until final disposition.

Investigatory files reviewed: #23-04 (OPR2023-1208), #23-05 (OPR2023-3893), and #23-06 (OPR2023-1291)

5. 6:02 P.M. - ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM CLOSED SESSION
I move to adjourn from closed session and reconvene in open session.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Michael Deitch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

6. MOTION TO APPROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION

Action: A. MOTION TO APROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE 23-04
I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file 23-04 as voted upon and discussed in closed session.

Motion by Michael Deitch , second by Joyce Dyson
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

Action: B. MOTION TO APROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE 23-05
I move to adopt the written findings of investigative file 22-04 as voted upon and discussed in closed session.

Motion by Peter Wild , second by Michael Deitch
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

Action: C. MOTION TO APROVE DRAFTED WRITTEN OPINION OF INVESTIGATIVE FILE 23-06
I move to approve the written findings of investigative file 23-06 as voted upon and outlined by John Sterling Houser in closed session, with the final copy to be distributed to the Administrative Charging Committee through e-mail.

Motion by Peter Wild, second by Michael Deitch
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

7. ADJOURN

Action: A. MOTION TO ADJOURN
I move to adjourn the February 28, 2024 meeting of the Administrative Charging Committee.

Motion by Nickolas Cromwell, second by Joyce Dyson.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Nickolas Cromwell, Dr Linda Lymas, Peter Wild, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Gillian Bacon, Recorder