NOTICE: Resolution effective February 05, 2014.

RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES OF BALTIMORE CITY
THE REGULATION OF BOARD OF ESTIMATES MEETINGS AND PROTESTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Estimates ("Board"), pursuant to Article VI, § 1 et seq. of the Charter of Baltimore City, 1996 Edition, as amended (HEREIN after referred to as "Charter"), is responsible for formulating and executing the fiscal policy of the City, approvals of settlements, acquisitions and dispositions of real property, awarding contracts and supervising purchasing by the City; and other duties as prescribed in the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Article VI, § 1 of the Charter is composed of the Mayor, President of the City Council, Comptroller, City Solicitor, and Director of Public Works, and the President of the City Council shall be President of the Board, and one of the members shall act as Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board meet in public forum each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. (unless in periodic recess) in the Hyman Pressman Hearing Room to conduct the business of government; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Article VI, § 2 et seq. of the Charter, may promulgate rules and regulations and summon before it heads of departments, bureaus or divisions, municipal officers, and members of commissions and boards; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of promoting better government, order and efficiency the Board wishes to establish certain rules, applicable to all private individuals, business entities, fraternal organizations, special interest groups, associations and other entities, etc. (HEREIN after collectively referred to as "entity") who wish to speak at the meetings of the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES OF BALTIMORE CITY, that the following rules for the conduct of Board meetings be formally adopted by the Board to apply to all issues to be acted upon, considered, noted, or received at any given meeting:

1. Anyone wishing to speak before the Board, whether individually or as the spokesperson of an entity must notify the Clerk of the Board in writing no later than by noon on the Tuesday preceding any Board meeting, or by an alternative date and time specified in the agenda for the next scheduled meeting. The written protest must state (1) whom you represent and the entity that authorized the representation (2) what the issues are and the facts supporting your position and (3) how the protestant will be harmed by the proposed Board action.

2. Requests to speak on matters submitted to the Board for its information, notation or status report from a previous Board action may be heard at the discretion of the President of the Board. This rule does not preclude the submitting agency from orally presenting the report or matter at the meeting of the Board.

3. Matters may be protested by any entity directly and specifically affected by a pending matter or decision of the Board. The person or entity must submit a written protest of that matter or pending decision. In order for a protest to be considered, the protestant must be present at the Board of Estimates meeting.

4. An entity affected by the disposition of the matter in a way different than an average taxpayer or citizen and who so specifies to the satisfaction of the Board may have their protest heard and considered by the Board. However, the President of the Board reserves the right to call a person or organization to give testimony that he/she determines furthers the effective and fair decision making process of the Board. Protests filed by persons not affected by the disposition of the matter in a way different than an average taxpayer or citizen will be handled and responded to as may be determined by the Clerk of the Board.

5. Protests may be submitted, orally presented and argued by representatives or entities directly impacted by a matter or pending decision before the Board. A Procurement Lobbyist, as defined by Part II, Sec. 8-8 (c) of The City Ethics Code must register with the Board of Ethics as a Procurement Lobbyist in accordance with Section 8-12 of The City Ethics Code. If any member of the Board has sufficient information to determine that Section 8-12 has not been complied with, he or she may make a complaint to the Board of Ethics.

6. The President of the Board shall have the right to limit all speakers to items and issues on the Board agenda, as well as provide a maximum time limit available to a speaker who wishes to address the Board.

7. In the interest of promoting order and efficiency of hearings, persons who are disruptive to the hearing may be required to leave the hearing room.

8. A copy of this Resolution shall be posted in the Department of Legislative Reference, the President of the Board's web site, and the Secretary to the Board's web site and shall be included in all Solicitations.

9. This Resolution shall apply to all Board meetings which are convened two (2) weeks or more after its formal adoption.

Adopted by the Board of Estimates:

Bernice W. Taylor JAN 22 2014
Clerk Date

Approved As To Form and Legal Sufficiency This 14th Day of January, 2014

Chief Solicitor