

**RESOLUTION  
OF  
THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES OF BALTIMORE CITY  
RELATING TO ABSTENTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City Charter, Article VI, Section 2, provides that the Board of Estimates may promulgate rules and regulations to exercise its powers and perform its duties; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Code, Article 8, Subtitle 6, establishes restrictions on participation in certain matters that present a conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, in the past, it has been the practice for Board members to submit an abstentions list to the Comptroller's office recording the page number and item of an abstention and those abstentions have been read out loud at the beginning of each Board meeting and recorded in the minutes of the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller's Office proposes to include the reason for an abstention and make the memo publicly accessible in the interest of government transparency;

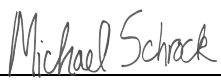
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES OF BALTIMORE CITY**, that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ the following Resolution is adopted:

1. Board members will submit a dated memo to the Comptroller's Office the day before the scheduled Board meeting date. The memo will note the page number of the member's abstention, the item, and the reason for the abstention.
2. The memo will be posted on the website concurrently with the weekly agenda.
3. The Clerk of the Board of Estimates will read the abstention aloud at the beginning of the meeting. The Comptroller's office will maintain a running list of abstentions on the BOE website.
4. Section 6 of Article 8 of the Baltimore City Code outlines the City's Conflict of Interest policies. Members should refer to Baltimore City's Ethics Office, under the Inspector General, for guidance on abstentions or considerations.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency  
this 15 day of December, 2020

Adopted by the Board of Estimates:

  
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Chief Solicitor

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Clerk Date