Chapter 01 General Provisions

Authority: General Provisions Article, §§5-206 and 5-606, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Definitions.
In this title, the following terms have the meanings indicated:
A. – W. (text unchanged)
X. “Quasi-governmental entity” means an entity that is created by state statute, that performs a public function, and that is supported in whole or in part by the state but is managed privately.
[X] Y. (text unchanged)
[Y] Z. (text unchanged)
[Y-1] Z-1. (text unchanged)
Z-2. (text unchanged)

.04 Information Provisions.
A. – B. (text unchanged)
C. Commission records pertaining to advisory opinion requests and informal advice considered in accordance with COMAR 19A.01.0 may not be disclosed, to the extent that they include facts, discussion, or other material that would reveal the identity of the person who is the subject of the opinion, and the subject of the opinion has not waived the right to protection of the subject’s identity. Advisory opinion request and informal advice records shall be treated as set forth in General Provisions Article, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland, and considered by the Commission to be nondisclosable under this section until the right to protection of the subject’s identity is expressly waived by the subject.
D. – F. (text unchanged)
G. The Commission will not provide public access to information related to consideration received that is reported under General Provisions Article, §5-607(j), Annotated Code of Maryland.
[H] I. (text unchanged)
[I] J. (text unchanged)

Subtitle 03 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Chapter 01 Disclosure Required by Members of Boards and Commissions

Authority: General Provisions Article, §§5-206 and 5-208 and Title 5, Subtitle 6, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Application.
A. (text unchanged)
B. This chapter does not apply to:
(1) (text unchanged)
(2) A member of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, the Workers’ Compensation Commission, [the Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund,] the Parole Commission, [or] the Public Service Commission[,] the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, or the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund.

.04 Financial Disclosure Requirements.
A. (text unchanged)
B. Contents of Financial Disclosure Statements.
(1) (text unchanged)
(2) An individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section shall disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as.
[(2)] (3) (text unchanged)
[(3)] (4) (text unchanged)
[(4)] (5) (text unchanged)
[(5)] (6) Gifts.
(a) Except as provided in §B(6)(b) of this regulation, an individual shall disclose the information specified in General Provisions Article, §5-607(e), Annotated Code of Maryland, for a gift in excess of $50 in value and for any
series of gifts totaling over $100 in value in the reporting period from any person doing business with, regulated by, [or] registered as a lobbyist before the individual’s board or commission[, or is an association, or an entity acting on behalf of an association, that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations.

(b) (text unchanged)

[(6) (7) (text unchanged)
[(7) (8) (text unchanged)
[(8) (9) (text unchanged)
[(9) (10) (text unchanged)

(11) Relationship with University of Maryland Medical System, State or Local Government, or Quasi-Governmental Entity.

(a) An individual shall disclose the information specified in General Provisions Article §5-607(j)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland, for any financial or contractual relationship with:

(i) the University of Maryland Medical System;
(ii) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or
(iii) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(b) For each financial or contractual relationship reported, the schedule shall include:

(i) a description of the relationship
(ii) the subject matter of the relationship; and
(iii) the consideration.

[(10) (12) An individual may disclose any other interests or information that has not been disclosed and that the individual chooses to disclose.
C. (text unchanged)

Subtitle 03 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Chapter 03 Disclosure by Public Officials, State Officials, and Candidates to Be State Officials

Authority: General Provisions Article, §§5-101, 5-206, 5-601, and 5-602, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Applicability.
A. (text unchanged)
B. Scope.
   (1) (text unchanged)
   (2) This chapter applies to:
       [(a) A member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service;]
       [(b)] (a) A member of the Parole Commission;
       [(c)] (a) A member of the Board of Directors of the Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund;
       [(d)] (b) A member of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
       [(e)] (c) A member of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission;
       [(f)] (d) A member of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission;
       [(g)] (e) A member of the Public Service Commission;
       [(h)] (f) A member of the Workers’ Compensation Commission; [and]
       (g) A member of the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission;
       (h) A member of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; and
       (i) A public official who is a member of a board or commission and who receives annual compensation that is equal to or exceeds 25 percent of the lowest annual compensation at State grade level 16.

Subtitle 04 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS LAW

Chapter 01 General Provisions

Authority: General Provisions Article, §5-206, and Title 5, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Definitions.
A. (text unchanged)
B. Defined Terms.
   (1) (text unchanged)
   [(1-1)] (2) (text unchanged)
   [(1-2)] (3) (text unchanged)
   [(2)] (4) (text unchanged)
   [(3)] (5) (text unchanged)
   [(4)] (6) (text unchanged)
(7) “Quasi-governmental entity” means an entity that is created by state statute, that performs a public function, and that is supported in whole or in part by the state but is managed privately.

Chapter 02 Review Criteria
Authority: General Provisions Article, §§5-206 and 5-209 and Title 5, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland

.04 Conflicts of Interest.
A. – F. (text unchanged)
G. Confidential Information.
(1) (text unchanged)
(2) The local law shall prohibit nonelected local officials and local employees or former nonelected local officials and local employees from using or disclosing, except in the discharge of an official duty, nonpublic information obtained in the course of official local duties for personal economic benefit or the economic benefit of another.

H. (text unchanged)
(1) An official or employee may not retaliate against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a potential violation of the local ethics law or ordinance.

Subtitle 04 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICS LAW
Appendix A — Model Ethics Law A
Authority: General Provisions Article, §§5-205 and 5-206, and Title 5, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland

CHAPTER ____ — ETHICS PROVISIONS

Section 1. – Section 2. (text unchanged)

Section 3. Definitions.
(a) – (o) (text unchanged)
(p) “Quasi-governmental entity” means an entity that is created by state statute, that performs a public function, and that is supported in whole or in part by the state but is managed privately.

(q) (text unchanged)

Section 4. (text unchanged)

Section 5. Prohibited conduct and interests.
(a) – (e) (text unchanged)
(f) Solicitation and acceptance of gifts.
(1) – (2) (text unchanged)
(3) An official or employee may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from a person that the official or employee knows or has reason to know:
(i) – (ii) (text unchanged)
(iii) Is engaged in an activity regulated or controlled by the official’s or employee’s governmental unit; [or]
(iv) Is a lobbyist with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the official or employee; [or]
(v) Is an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations.
(4) (text unchanged)

(g) Disclosure of confidential information. Other than in the discharge of official duties, an official or employee or former official or employee may not disclose or use confidential information, that the official or employee acquired by reason of the official’s or employee’s governmental unit or former public position and that is not available to the public, for the economic benefit of the official or employee or that of another person.

(h) An official or employee may not retaliate against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a potential violation of the local ethics law or ordinance.

Section 6. Financial disclosure — elected officials, officials, and employees.
(a) – (d) (text unchanged)
(e) Public record.
(1) – (5) (text unchanged)

(6) The Commission or office designated by the Commission shall not provide public access to information related to consideration received from (i) the University of Maryland Medical System; (ii) a governmental entity of the
State or a local government in the State; or (iii) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(f) (text unchanged)

(g) An individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section shall disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as.

[(g)] (h) Contents of statement.

(1) – (3) (text unchanged)

(4) Gifts. (i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of each gift in excess of $20 in value or a series of gifts totaling $100 or more received during the reporting period from or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any one person who does business with the "County, City, or Town", or from an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations.

(5) – (8) (text unchanged)

(9) Relationship with University of Maryland Medical System, State or Local Government, or Quasi-Governmental Entity.

(i) An individual shall disclose the information specified in General Provisions Article §5-607(j)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland, for any financial or contractual relationship with:

(A) the University of Maryland Medical System;

(B) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or

(C) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(ii) For each financial or contractual relationship reported, the schedule shall include:

(A) a description of the relationship

(B) the subject matter of the relationship; and

(C) the consideration.

[(9)] (10) A statement filed under this section may also include a schedule of additional interests or information that the individual making the statement wishes to disclose.

[(h)] (i) For the purposes of §§6(g)(1) §6(h)(1), (2), and (3) of this chapter, the following interests are considered to be the interests of the individual making the statement:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) An interest held, at any time during the applicable period, by: (i) a business entity in which the individual held a 30% [10%] or greater interest [at any time during the reporting period.]; (ii) a business entity described in item (i) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 25% or greater interest; (iii) a business entity described in item (ii) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 50% or greater interest; and (iv) a business entity in which the individual directly or indirectly, though an interest in one or a combination of other business entities, holds a 10% or greater interest.

(3) (text unchanged)

[(i)] (j) (text unchanged)

Section 7. – Section 10. (text unchanged)

Appendix B — Model Ethics Law B

Authority: General Provisions Article, §§5-205 and 5-206, and Title 5, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland

CHAPTER ____ — ETHICS PROVISIONS

Section 1. (text unchanged)

Section 2. Applicability and Definitions.

(a) – (d) (text unchanged)

(e) "Quasi-governmental entity" means an entity that is created by state statute, that performs a public function, and that is supported in whole or in part by the state but is managed privately.

[(e)] (f) (text unchanged)

(1) – (2) (text unchanged)

Section 3. (text unchanged)

Section 4. Conflicts of interest.

(a) – (g) (text unchanged)

(h) Solicitation and acceptance of gifts.

(1) – (2) (text unchanged)

(3) An official or employee may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from a person that the official or employee knows or has the reason to know:
Section 5. Financial disclosure — local elected officials and candidates to be local elected officials.

(a) – (b) (text unchanged)

(c) Public record.

(1) – (5) (text unchanged)

(6) The Commission or office designated by the Commission shall not provide public access to information related to consideration received from (i) the University of Maryland Medical System; (ii) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or (iii) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(d) (text unchanged)

(e) An individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section shall disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as.

(f) Contents of Statement

(1) – (3) (text unchanged)

(4) Gifts. (i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of each gift in excess of $20 in value or a series of gifts totaling $100 or more received during the reporting period from or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any one person who does business with the *County, City, or Town* [, or from an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations.

(ii) (text unchanged)

(5) – (8) (text unchanged)

(9) Relationship with University of Maryland Medical System, State or Local Government, or Quasi-Governmental Entity.

(i) An individual shall disclose the information specified in General Provisions Article §5-607(j)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland, for any financial or contractual relationship with:

(A) the University of Maryland Medical System;

(B) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or

(C) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(ii) For each financial or contractual relationship reported, the schedule shall include:

(A) a description of the relationship

(B) the subject matter of the relationship; and

(C) the consideration.

(10) A statement filed under this section may also include a schedule of additional interests or information that the individual making the statement wishes to disclose.

For the purposes of §§5(e)(1) §5(f)(1), (2), and (3) of this chapter, the following interests are considered to be the interests of the individual making the statement:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) An interest held, at any time during the applicable period, by: (i) a business entity in which the individual held a [30][10]% or greater interest [at any time during the reporting period]; (ii) a business entity described in item (i) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 25% or greater interest; (iii) a business entity described in item (ii) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 50% or greater interest; and (iv) a business entity in which the individual directly or indirectly, though an interest in one or a combination of other business entities, holds a 10% or greater interest.

(3) (text unchanged)

(f) Relationship with University of Maryland Medical System, State or Local Government, or Quasi-Governmental Entity.

Section 6. Financial disclosure — employees and appointed officials.

(a) – (d) (text unchanged)

(e) An individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section shall disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as.

(f) Relationship with University of Maryland Medical System, State or Local Government, or Quasi-Governmental Entity.
(1) An individual shall disclose the information specified in General Provisions Article §5-607(j)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland, for any financial or contractual relationship with:
   (i) the University of Maryland Medical System;
   (ii) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or
   (iii) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(2) For each financial or contractual relationship reported, the schedule shall include:
   (i) a description of the relationship
   (ii) the subject matter of the relationship; and
   (iii) the consideration.

[(e) (g) The Commission shall maintain] [(e) (g) The Commission shall maintain all disclosure statements filed under this section as public records available for public inspection and copying as provided in §5(c) and (d) of this chapter.

Section 7. – Section 9. (text unchanged)

Subtitle 05 BOARD OF EDUCATION ETHICS REGULATIONS

Chapter 01 General Provisions

Authority: General Provisions Article, §5-206, and Title 5, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Definitions.
A. (text unchanged)
B. Defined Terms.
   (1) – (3) (text unchanged)
   [(3-1)] (4) (text unchanged)
   [(3-2)] (5) (text unchanged)
   [(4)] (6) (text unchanged)
   [(4-1)] (7) (text unchanged)
   (8) "Quasi-governmental entity" means an entity that is created by state statute, that performs a public function, and that is supported in whole or in part by the state but is managed privately.
   [(5)] (9) (text unchanged)
   [(6)] (10) (text unchanged)
   [(7)] (11) (text unchanged)
   [(8)] (12) (text unchanged)

Chapter 02 Review Criteria

Authority: General Provisions Article, §§5-205 and 5-206, and Title 5, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland

.04 Conflicts of Interest.
A. – F. (text unchanged)
G. Confidential Information.
   (1) (text unchanged)
   (2) The regulations shall prohibit school officials and school employees and former school officials and school employees from using or disclosing, except in the discharge of an official duty, nonpublic information obtained in the course of official school duties for personal economic benefit or the economic benefit of another.
   H. (text unchanged)
   (I) An official or employee may not retaliate against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a potential violation of the local ethics law or ordinance.

Subtitle 05 BOARD OF EDUCATION ETHICS REGULATIONS

Appendix A — Model Board of Education Ethics Regulations

Authority: General Provisions Article, §§5-205 and 5-206 and Title 5, Subtitle 8, Annotated Code of Maryland

CHAPTER _____ — ETHICS PROVISIONS

Section 1. – Section 2. (text unchanged)
Section 3. Definitions.
In these regulations, the following terms have the meanings indicated.
(a) – (p) (text unchanged)
(q) "Quasi-governmental entity" means an entity that is created by state statute, that performs a public function, and that is supported in whole or in part by the state but is managed privately.
[rq] (text unchanged)
[rs] (text unchanged)

Section 4. Administration. (text unchanged)

Section 5. Prohibited conduct and interests.
(a) – (e) (text unchanged)
(f) Gifts.
(1) An official may not solicit any gift.
(2) An official may not directly solicit or facilitate the solicitation of a gift, on behalf of another person, from an individual lobbyist.
(3) An official may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from a person that the official knows or has reason to know:
   (i) Is doing business with or seeking to do business with the school system or Board;
   (ii) Is subject to the authority of the school system;
   (iii) Is a lobbyist with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the official; or
   (iv) Has financial interests that may be substantially and materially affected, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of the school system duties of the official.[j] or
   (v) Is an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association, that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations.
(4) (text unchanged)
(g) Disclosure of confidential information. Other than in the discharge of official duties, an official or former official may not disclose or use confidential information that the official acquired by reason of the official’s public position or former public position and that is not available to the public for the economic benefit of the official or the economic benefit of another person.
(h) An official or employee may not retaliate against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a potential violation of the local ethics law or ordinance.

Section 6. Financial disclosure.
(a) – (d) (text unchanged)
(e) Public Record.
(1) – (5) (text unchanged)
(6) The Board or office designated by the Board shall not provide public access to information related to consideration received from (i) the University of Maryland Medical System; (ii) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or (iii) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.
(7) (text unchanged)
(g) An individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section shall disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as.

Annotated Code of Maryland, for any financial or contractual relationship with:
(A) the University of Maryland Medical System;
(B) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or
(C) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.
(ii) For each financial or contractual relationship reported, the schedule shall include:
(A) a description of the relationship
(B) the subject matter of the relationship; and
(C) the consideration.
[9] (10) (text unchanged)
For the purposes of §6(g)(1), (2), and (3) of this chapter, the following interests are considered to be the interests of the individual making the statement:

1. An interest held, at any time during the applicable period, by a business entity in which the individual held a 30\% or greater interest at any time during the reporting period; (ii) a business entity described in item (i) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 25\% or greater interest; (iii) a business entity described in item (ii) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 50\% or greater interest; and (iv) a business entity in which the individual directly or indirectly, though an interest in one or a combination of other business entities, holds a 10\% or greater interest.

2. Gifts.

An official may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from a person that the official knows or has reason to know:

(i) Is a regulated lobbyist with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of the official;

(ii) Has financial interests that may be substantially and materially affected, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of the school system duties of the official;

(iii) Is an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association, that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations.

3. An official or employee may not retaliate against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a potential violation of the local ethics law or ordinance.

Section 4. Financial disclosure — members of the Board of Education and candidates to be members of the Board of Education.

(a) – (d) (text unchanged)

[(d)] (e) Public record.

[(d)] (e) (text unchanged)

(1) – (5) (text unchanged)

6. The Board or office designated by the Board shall not provide public access to information related to consideration received from (i) the University of Maryland Medical System; (ii) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or (iii) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

[(o)] (f) (text unchanged)

[(o)] (g) An individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section shall disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as.
(h) Contents of Statement

(1) – (3) (text unchanged)

(4) Gifts. (i) A statement filed under this section shall include a schedule of each gift in excess of $20 in value or a series of gifts totaling $100 or more received during the reporting period from or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any one person who does business with the school system or Board of Education [.], or from an association, or any entity acting on behalf of an association that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations.

(ii) (text unchanged)

(5) – (8) (text unchanged)

(9) Relationship with University of Maryland Medical System, State or Local Government, or Quasi-Governmental Entity.

(i) An individual shall disclose the information specified in General Provisions Article §5-607(j)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland, for any financial or contractual relationship with:

(A) the University of Maryland Medical System;
(B) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or
(C) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(ii) For each financial or contractual relationship reported, the schedule shall include:

(A) a description of the relationship
(B) the subject matter of the relationship; and
(C) the consideration.

[(g)] (10) (text unchanged)

[(g)] (i) For the purposes of §§6(g)(1)§4(h)(1), (2), and (3) of this chapter, the following interests are considered to be the interests of the individual making the statement:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) An interest held, at any time during the applicable period, by: (i) a business entity in which the individual held a 10% or greater interest [at any time during the reporting period.]; (ii) a business entity described in item (i) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 25% or greater interest; (iii) a business entity described in item (ii) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 50% or greater interest; and (iv) a business entity in which the individual directly or indirectly, though an interest in one or a combination of other business entities, holds a 10% or greater interest.

(3) (text unchanged)

[(h)] (j) (text unchanged)

Section 5. Financial disclosure — Employees and appointed officials.

(a) – (d) (text unchanged)

(e) An individual who is required to disclose the name of a business under this section shall disclose any other names that the business is trading as or doing business as.

(f) Relationship with University of Maryland Medical System, State or Local Government, or Quasi-Governmental Entity.

(1) An individual shall disclose the information specified in General Provisions Article §5-607(j)(1), Annotated Code of Maryland, for any financial or contractual relationship with:

(i) the University of Maryland Medical System;
(ii) a governmental entity of the State or a local government in the State; or
(iii) a Quasi-governmental entity of the State or local government in the State.

(2) For each financial or contractual relationship reported, the schedule shall include:

(i) a description of the relationship
(ii) the subject matter of the relationship; and
(iii) the consideration.

[(e)](g) The Panel or office designated by the Panel shall maintain all disclosure statements filed under this section as public records available for public inspection and copying as provided in §4(e) and (f) of this chapter.

Section 6. – Section 8. (text unchanged)