

TO: Maryland Attorney General Open Meetings Compliance Board

FROM: Adam Andrzejewski

SUBJECT: Complaint Concerning Baltimore City Community College

Please consider this a complaint of alleged violations of the Maryland Open Meetings Act by Baltimore City Community College for 1) not complying with their own bylaws and policy concerning public comment at open meetings, and 2) their refusal to provide access to observe to an open public meeting held remotely on September 20, 2023.

1. BCCC's noncompliance with BCCC bylaws and policy concerning public comment:
  - a. At least 48 hours prior to the meeting, on September 18, 2020, at 11:18 a.m., I sent an email to the President of BCCC and others asking for permission to address the Board during its September 20, 2023, 4pm public meeting.
  - b. The email complied with BCCC's policy and bylaws on requesting permission to speak at a board meeting.
  - c. A follow-up email was sent on September 20, 2023, at 7:01 a.m. asking for permission to speak at the upcoming board meeting.
  - d. No response was provided.
  - e. BCCC policy and bylaws require the Chairman to either 1) deny it, or, 2) grant it, or 3) grant it subject to limitations on the scope (or) time of presentation. The Chairman did not respond at all.
2. BCCC's refusal to provide access to observe the public meeting:
  - a. On September 20, 2023, at 2:45 p.m. and again at 3:08 p.m., I sent an email to the BCCC President and General Counsel asking for a link to observe the remote meeting to be held that evening.
  - b. No link or other directions for access were provided, and no information or directions for observing the remote meeting were on the BCCC website.

Therefore, I am asking this compliance board to review these allegations and direct the BCCC board to comply with their own bylaws and policies on public comment, and to comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act concerning the right of the public to observe open public meetings.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE HERE

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