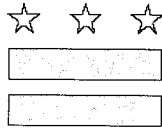


**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**



November 13, 2017

Hon. Eugene A. Adams
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 450
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Office of Open Government Complaint #OOG-0003_7.03.17

Dear Chief Judge Adams:

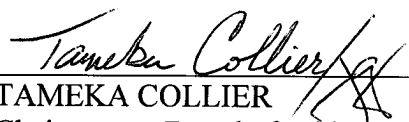
On behalf of the members of the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (“Board”), I respond here to your November 7, 2017 letter, in which you raise concerns about actions taken by the Office of Open Government (“OOG”) and its Director during the course of the referenced matter. In your letter, you also request the Board’s “immediate intervention and involvement” by taking certain actions¹ with respect to the OOG and its Director.

Unfortunately, the Ethics Act affords the Board limited authority over the OOG and its Director,² and the Board otherwise has no power to administer or enforce the Open Meetings Act. The Board, therefore, has no authority to take any of the requested actions.

Accordingly, the Board takes no position on the legal analysis contained in the draft Advisory Opinion prepared by the OOG in the referenced matter, nor does it take a position on the allegations made in your letter.

The Board will continue to closely monitor further developments regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


TAMEKA COLLIER
Chairperson, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

Copies to: Shomari Wade, Board Member
Norma Hutcheson, Board Member
Traci Hughes, OOG Director

¹ The requested actions are listed on page 7 of your letter.

² See D.C. Official Code §§ 1-1162.02(a)(2), 2-594.