

D.C. Board of Ethics and Government Accountability FY2023

Agency D.C. Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

Agency Code AG0

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Mission The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA) is responsible to administer and enforce the District of Columbia Code of Conduct and enforce government-wide compliance with the D.C. Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act.

Strategic Objectives

Objective Number	Strategic Objective
1	Issue ethics advice in an expeditious and consistent fashion.
2	Conduct timely and appropriate investigations and enforcement actions.
3	Conduct mandatory training on the Code of Conduct and produce ethics training materials.
4	Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent, and responsive District government.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Measure	Directionality	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Target	FY2022 Actual	FY 2023 Target
1 - Issue ethics advice in an expeditious and consistent fashion. (3 Measure records)						
Percent of formal written Advisory Opinions issued within 30 days of receipt of complete information from requester	Up is Better	New in 2023	New in 2023	New in 2023	New in 2023	85%
Percent of advice queries received that were handled as informal rather than formal advice	Up is Better	99.8%	96%	10%	100%	10%
Percent of formal written Advisory Opinions appealed to the Ethics Board	Up is Better	0%	0%	85%	0%	85%
2 - Conduct timely and appropriate investigations and enforcement actions. (3 Measure records)						
Percent of investigations resolved by dismissal, negotiated disposition, or issuance of Notice of Violation within 120 days of initiation	Up is Better	90.9%	190.8%	80%	92.5%	80%
Percent of enforcement actions that result in a sanction	Up is Better	100%	93.8%	85%	80%	85%
Percent of final Ethics Board Orders issued within 45 days of close of hearing record	Up is Better	Not Available	90%	85%	100%	85%
3 - Conduct mandatory training on the Code of Conduct and produce ethics training materials. (3 Measure records)						
Percent of evaluations completed by attendees with an overall positive rating of "3" or higher on the BEGA training evaluation form	Up is Better	100%	90%	80%	95%	85%
Percent of agency trainings held within 90 days of agency making the request	Up is Better	100%	100%	90%	100%	85%
Percent of off site agency training requests granted	Up is Better	Not Available	0%	90%	100%	90%

Operations

Operations Title	Operations Description	Type of Operations
1 - Issue ethics advice in an expeditious and consistent fashion. (1 Activity)		
Render Timely Advice. Respond to requests for informal ethics advice in a substantive and useful manner.	Work with staff to ensure that ethics guidance is provided to government employees who seek ethics guidance.	Daily Service
2 - Conduct timely and appropriate investigations and enforcement actions. (1 Activity)		
Monitor and support ongoing investigations to ensure timely completion.	Track progress throughout the year and work with staff to ensure movement.	Daily Service
3 - Conduct mandatory training on the Code of Conduct and produce ethics training materials. (1 Activity)		
Increase Training Sessions. Increase number of trainings available to District government employees.	Allocate staff time to ensure availability when requests are made from client agencies.	Daily Service

Operations Title	Operations Description	Type of Operations
4 - Create and maintain a highly efficient, transparent, and responsive District government. (1 Activity)		
Ensure that every request for advice or information is acknowledged within 24 hours of receipt.	Work with staff to ensure that either a substantive response is provided or, where that is not possible, an acknowledgment that the request is under review.	Daily Service

Workload Measures (WMs)

Measure	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY2022 Actual
1 - Render Timely Advice. Respond to requests for informal ethics advice in a substantive and useful manner. (3 Measure records)			
Number of requests for informal ethics advice	510	567	380
Number of formal written advisory opinions issued pursuant to a request	1	0	0
Number of formal written advisory opinions issued on the agency's own initiative	0	0	2
2 - Monitor and support ongoing investigations to ensure timely completion. (11 Measure records)			
Number of preliminary investigations opened based on information provided by means other than the hotline	0	80	144
Number of preliminary investigations dismissed	67	33	18
Number of formal investigations initiated on intake	6	3	12
Number of formal investigations dismissed	0	2	1
Number of preliminary investigations resolved after an evidentiary hearing	0	2	0
Number of preliminary investigations resolved with a negotiated disposition	7	2	7
Number of complaints received	149	117	175
Number of formal investigations resolved with a negotiated disposition	2	1	18
Number of formal investigations resolved after an evidentiary hearing	0	0	1
Number of preliminary investigations converted to formal investigations	0	0	4
Number of preliminary investigations opened based on tips to the hotline	0	0	0
3 - Increase Training Sessions. Increase number of trainings available to District government employees. (1 Measure)			
Number of trainings conducted	52	57	62
4 - Ensure that every request for advice or information is acknowledged within 24 hours of receipt. (1 Measure)			
Number of formal advisory opinions issued	1	0	2