

Advisory Opinion 22-01

This Advisory Opinion is in response to an *Application to Provide an Advisory Opinion* (“Application”) filed by a staff member working in the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The staff member has asked whether the participation of a member of a non-profit organization on the BCPS [REDACTED] Advisory Council (“Advisory Council”) would cause the non-profit organization to be excluded from future contract opportunities with BCPS if the member served in this voluntary capacity.

The Ethics Code of the Board of Education of Baltimore County “applies to members of the school Board, candidates to be members of the school board, the Superintendent and employees.” *See*, Policy 8360 § I.A. Accordingly, as the member of the non-profit organization is not subject to the Ethics Code, the provisions of the Ethics Code would not cause the non-profit organization to be excluded from future contract opportunities with BCPS if the member joined the Advisory Council in this voluntary capacity. However, the staff member may wish to consult with her supervisors as to whether other BCPS Policies may be applicable to this situation.

This Advisory Opinion has been adopted by the Ethics Review Panel members on - March 24, 2022.

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