

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
BOARD OF ETHICS  
COMPLAINT 2015-004**

**DECISION**

August 27, 2015

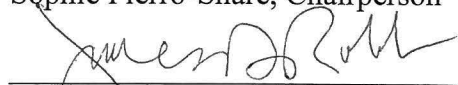
This complaint was filed on July 16, 2015 by Renee Suchara, the parent of a child who participates in the city's ice skating program. The complaint was filed against respondent Lauren Wood. Ms. Wood is the Director of the Department of Public Services for the city of Birmingham. Among her many responsibilities are management oversight of the Birmingham Ice Arena and the city staff that operates it.

The parties appeared for the hearing on the complaint before the Board of Ethics on August 27, 2015. As discussions surrounding the matter ensued, it appeared that the parties have come to a satisfactory understanding and resolution. Upon Ms. Suchara's admission that she knows of no facts to support her claim of a violation of the Ethics Ordinance by Ms. Wood, Ms. Suchara agreed to withdraw her complaint voluntarily.

The Board thanks Ms. Suchara for having raised her concerns, for appearing at the hearing, and for frankly responding to the Board's inquiries. The Board likewise thanks Ms. Wood for her response and appearance at the hearing and for clearly and thoroughly addressing the concerns of the Complainant and the Board.

Complaint 2015-004, because it was voluntarily withdrawn by Ms. Suchara, is dismissed for lack of a pending matter.

  
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Sophie Fierro-Share, Chairperson

  
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