

OIG Response to the Comptroller



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The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Response to the Comptroller

The OIG acknowledges that the Comptroller does not agree with some of the report's findings. However, the OIG affirms its findings and conclusions after considering the evidence and testimony presented in this matter in totality.

It was noted during the Comptroller's interview with the OIG that at no point in her interview did the Comptroller claim to be misunderstood by the author of the *Baltimore Fishbowl* article. As stated in the OIG report, and confirmed by the Comptroller and the interviewed staff, the only person with access to the list of abstentions is the Lead Tech. The OIG confirmed that the Lead Tech was out of town and the Lead Tech reiterated several times during their interview with the OIG that they were not involved in the abstention process for this meeting. The OIG was told no other member of the Comptroller's staff had access to the list of abstentions. The OIG reaffirms its finding that the explanation regarding the vote was unclear.

The OIG agrees the matter was an oversight and stands by the recommendation in the interest of transparency and accountability that a centralized list of abstentions be maintained.

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