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Meeting Minutes ETHICS BOARD

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Wednesday, February 17, 2010

9:00 AM

Room 301-A, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:05 A.M.

Present: 4 - Ellis, Wacker, Barndt, Shelledy

Excused: 3 - Turner, Toran, Hintz

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2010 meeting.

Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Mr. Shelledy, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections.

2. The Board may convene into closed session to hear disciplinary matters and related information pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(b) and/or (f), Wis. Stats., and to consider and render confidential advice pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats.

Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Ms. Barndt, to go into closed session. There were no objections.

3. The Board may then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats.

The Board heard one matter in closed session and will be rendering its opinion on the matter.

4. Report from research assistant relative to office activities of the previous month.

Ms. Devereaux noted that she and the Chair met with the Deputy City Clerk related to the Ethics Board Rules and Procedures and Ms. Barndt has taken her oath to serve again. The 2010 contract for Ms. Devereaux was signed and she received one open records request in the past month and she is in the process of creating a report related to outstanding invoices for non-filers at the request of the Comptroller's Office.

5. Update on revisions to the proposed Ethics Board Rules and Procedures.

Jim Owczarski, Deputy City Clerk, appeared before the Board on this matter. Mr. Ellis noted that the Rules and Procedures don't make sense without the Code language contained within them. Ms. Wacker was concerned that if the Code is not cited, it isn't very public friendly as citizens then need to go back to the Code. Ms. Barndt noted that as a new Board member it was helpful for her to have the Code citations in the Rules so she could review one document, rather than two. Ms. Barndt suggested a compromise of citing the code section in the Rules when the Code is cited. Ms. Wacker said that it is an important duty of the Board to ensure that its Rules are in compliance with the Code.

Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Mr. Shelledy, to appoint a subcommittee to review the Rules and Procedures. There were no objections.

6. Update on returns of the 2009 Statement of Economic Interests forms.

Ms. Devereaux noted that 210 returns have been filed. They are due on February 28th, which is a Sunday, so statements will be accepted through Monday, March 1. Mr. Ehrlich will research on how the due/late dates are calculated.

7. Review newly filed Statement of Economic Interests forms for clarity and completeness.

There are no statements for review.

*Meeting adjourned: 10:40 A.M.
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