



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

## Meeting Minutes

### ETHICS BOARD

**MICHAEL KRUSE, CHAIR,**  
**Bradley Kalscheur, Vice-Chair**  
**Clarence Nicholas, Barbara Notestein, Emily Mueller, Daniel**  
**Vliet and Gini Hendrickson**  
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Wednesday, June 11, 2025

2:30 PM

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#### 1. Roll Call.

*Meeting convened: 2:32 PM*

*Members present: Michael Kruse, Bradley Kalscheur, Clarence Nicholas, Emily Mueller, Daniel Vliet and Gini Hendrickson*

*Member excused: Barbara Notestein*

#### 2. Review and approval of the May 6th meeting minutes.

*Ms. Hendrickson moved, seconded by Mr. Kalscheur, for approval of the minutes.*

*There were no objections.*

#### 3. Discussion and vote on sufficiency of a complaint filed with the Board.

*The complaint does meet the requirements to be submitted to the Board as it is notarized. The City of Milwaukee is a first class city and the statutes referenced do not apply to first class cities, just second, third and fourth, per Assistant City Attorney Peter Block. The Board has to decide if this complaint meets the sufficiency standard. Mr. Kalschuer feels that counts 4 and 5 are under the purview of the Board and the chair feels count 6 as well. The Chair's view is that the allegations are conclusions that aren't necessarily supported by the underlying facts. Mr. Kalscheur saw the complaint as speculation without any facts brought to bear for counts 4-6. All other members agreed with that. The consensus is that there are not sufficient allegations for the Board to take further action.*

*Mr. Kalschuer moved to dismiss the complaint as it does not allege facts sufficient to constitute a violation of chapter 303, seconded by Mr. Vliet. There were no*

*objections.*

**4. Discussion and vote on whether to amend the list of individuals submitted to the Common Council for removal, for failure to file their Statements of Economic Interest.**

*Mr. Nicholson moved to extend the deadline to remove the three individuals from the list for board removal: Dana World-Patterson, Rayhainio Boynes and Catina Harwell-Young. Seconded by Mr. Vliet. There were no objections.*

*For the three individuals who have failed to file:*

*Theresa Garrison, Nicholas Hans Robinson and Byron Marshall, Jr.*

*Mr. Nicholas moved to extend the deadline if the above individuals filed and paid the \$100 late fee. Mr. Kalscheur was willing to give them to the next meeting. Two of the individuals had address changes. Mr. Nicholas noted that these individuals are serving as volunteers. Members were more inclined to extend the deadline for those two who have had some response. Thirty days would be the absolute maximum. This extension would be limited to only Ms. Garrison and Mr. Marshall. The Staff Assistant will not contact these two individuals further. The Chair is hesitant to permit those two individuals to request a waiver of late fees. Mr. Kalscheur agreed.*

*Mr. Kruse moved to extend the filing deadline for Ms. Garrison and Mr. Marshall, Jr., for 30 days and all late fees be paid, seconded by Mr. Kalscheur. There were no objections.*

*Mr. Robinson remains on the list of individuals to be submitted for removal. The Ethics Board could request that this be held off another cycle.*

*Mr. Haag and Mr. Mathy both filed Statements but failed to pay late fees.*

*Mr. Kruse recommended having those two individuals pay the late fee with the Staff Assistant reaching out to these two.*

*Ms. Mueller moved to extend the deadline to pay the \$100 fee for 30 days and to contact the filer and the staff/board chairs for these individuals. Seconded by Mr. Nicholas. There were no objections.*

**5. Discussion and vote on late-filing individuals who filed their Statements of Economic Interests late and are requesting a waiver of late-filing fees.**

*Individuals requesting waivers and why:*

*Patricia Klosiewski - indicated she had planned to retire*

*Jacqueline Cook - medical emergency and internal board challenges*

*Dorothy York - communication error based on her retirement*

*Solana Patterson-Ramos - inability to pay.*

*Mr. Kruse moved to waive the entire amount of the late-fees for Ms. Klosiewski, seconded by Mr. Nicholas, based upon conflicting information. There were no objections.*

*Mr. Kalscheur moved to waive the entire late-filing fees for Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Nicholas, based upon medical issues. There were no objections.*

*Mr. Kruse moved to waive the entire amount of late-fees for Ms. York, seconded by Mr. Nicholas, based upon no current e-mail address. There were no objections.*

*Mr. Kruse moved to waive the entire amount of late-fees for Ms. Patterson-Ramos, seconded by Mr. Nicholas based upon financial hardship. There were no objections.*

**6. Discussion and possible vote on the Statement of Economic Interests relating to Part 2, listing of tenants.**

*Assistant City Attorney Peter Block said the question came up if a tenant pays more than \$1,000 if that needs to be reported. Mr. Alex Highley, Legislative Reference Bureau, said the 1991 ordinance was created as a result of state statute and the state statute originated in 1977 when the exact language was created. The city made some minor tweaks. The definition of "immediate family" also traced back to the 1977 state statute. It is unknown what the rationale was for creation of the 1977 statute. Mr. Kalcheur asked if the general nature of the business is listed, do specific payers need to be listed? Assistant City Attorney Block said that the individual tenants do not need to be listed as long as the general business is listed and the person whose name not being listed is not a lobbyist. Mr. Kruse thinks that if the tenants are corporations they must be listed, but not individuals. Assistant City Attorney Block noted that, in the statutes, the definition of "person" does include corporations or LLCs. Attorneys, based on the 1983 court case, are not required to disclose the identities of their clients. The instructions may already include the ordinance language so nothing may need to be done at this point. The instructions should be amended to include do not list clients if you are an attorney (add clients of an attorney in the "do not list") in the instructions. Assistant City Attorney Block will create the language for the next meeting.*

**7. Set next meeting date(s).**

*July 22nd at 2:30 PM*

*Meeting adjourned: 3:43 PM  
Linda M. Elmer  
Staff Assistant*

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