



The Board of Ethics

April 20 , 2007

Milwaukee Common Council
200 East Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

To the Honorable Common Council:


The Board of Ethics hereby requests that a file be opened to make additions to the 2007 Positions Ordinance.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2007, the Ethics Board approved the addition of the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board to Section 7 of the Positions Ordinance requiring the filing of the annual Statement of Economic Interests. The minutes of the April meeting of the Ethics Board are enclosed.

The Board respectfully asks that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee for further action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Dwight Ellis
Ethics Board Chair

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City of Milwaukee
Meeting Minutes
ETHICS BOARD

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Wednesday, April 18, 2007

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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Meeting convened: 9:02 A.M.

Present: 6 - Turner, Toran, Ellis, Bernstein, Hintz, Wacker

Excused: 1 - Swigart

Also present: Assistant City Attorney Ed Ehlich

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the March 21, 2007 meeting.

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

2. Update on the returns of the 2006 Statement of Economic Interest forms.

Mrs. Devereaux said that there are six outstanding forms for board and commission members and three outstanding forms for city employees. She said late notices have been sent, but have not receive any response from the above nine individuals.

Mr. Bernstien moved, seconded by Ms. Turner to issue complaints to the nine individuals who haven't submited their Statement of Economic Interests forms. There were no objections.

Mr. Ellis explained the complaint process and read though an example of a complaint. He said they would also send a letter along with the complaint advises the individual that the Treasurer Office has been directed to hold their pay checks.

3. 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. Hintz, to go 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. There were no objections.

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

Ms. Toran moved, seconded by Mr. Bernstein to reconvene into open session.

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

The majority of Mrs. Devereaux's time was spent working on getting the late letters sent out for the statement of economic interests and responding to questions related to the same.

6. Review substitute ordinance creating the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board relative to the Code of Ethics.

Mr. Jim Owczarski, Deputy City Clerk appeared in accordance with the requirement set forth in section 320-5 of the code of ordinances, to notify the Ethics Board of the newly created Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board and to find out if the members should be required to file a statement of economic interests.

Ms. Turner moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz to require the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board be (Y) footnoted in the positions ordinance.

7. Appoint subcommittee to review random sampling of the 2006 Statement of Economic Interest forms.

Mr. Ellis, Ms. Wacker and Ms. Hintz volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Mr. Ellis said they should have their meeting sometime during the first two weeks in May 2007, before this committee meeting again.

8. Review Statement of Economic Interest forms for new board/commission members and designated city employees.

The Board reviewed and approved the form of Thomas E. Fischer.

9. Set next meeting date(s).

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned: 9:50 A.M.

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Staff Assistant*