

To the Honorable,
Mayor of Milwaukee and the members of the Common Council

**The City of Milwaukee Board of Ethics
2019 Annual Report**

The City of Milwaukee Board of Ethics administers the Code of Ethics, Chapter 303, which promotes the essential element of public trust. The Board works to implement the Code by issuing confidential advisory opinions, investigating sworn complaints, requiring and reviewing the Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) forms of City Employee/Officials and board members.

The Ethics Board met six times during 2019 for its regular meetings.

In 2019, the Board responded to one complaint and one request for confidential opinion. A summary of the opinion requests are included in this report. The summary should not be viewed as definitive advice, but rather as a guide to the type of situations addressed by the Board.

The six citizen members, (there is currently one vacancy) of the Board for 2019 were:

Patricia Hintz – Chair
Bradley Kalscheur – Vice-Chair
Joanne Barndt
Michael Kruse
Whitney Maus
Clarence Nicholas

Summary of Opinions Issued In 2019

Complaint. The Board addressed one complaint from Seth Sandler.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

19-2

A City Employee/Official requested an advisory opinion as to a potential conflict of interest if the City Employee/Official engaged in consulting with a different City Department. The Board found that the City Employee/Official could engage in consulting with the other City Department as long as it did not interfere with their current position and job duties with the City, provided that the City Employee/Official complied with the general standards of conduct and more specific provisions governing conflicts of interest set forth in the City's Ethics Code.