



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes

### ETHICS BOARD

**MICHAEL KRUSE, CHAIR,**  
**Bradley Kalscheur, Vice-Chair**  
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**Vliet and Gini Hendrickson**  
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1:30 PM

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#### 1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the January 23rd meeting.

*Meeting convened: 1:31 PM*

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

*Members excused: Emily Mueller*

*Mr. Vliet moved, seconded by Ms. Notestein, for approval of the minutes. There were no objections.*

#### 2. The Board may convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats., to consider and render confidential advice. The Board will then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats. to continue with the remainder of the agenda.

*Ms. Notestein moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholas, to go into closed session. There were no objections.*

*Mr. Nicholas moved, seconded by Ms. Notestein, to go into open session. There were no objections.*

*In open session:*

*Mr. Vliet moved, seconded by Mr. Kalscheur, to direct the Assistant City Attorney to issue an opinion on the matter discussed in closed session.*

#### 3. Review and possible vote on Y footnote for newly created Emerging Youth Achievement Advisory Council.

*This body replaces the Black Male Achievement Advisory Council and the creating ordinance details its duties and powers.*

*Mr. Kruse didn't see large fiscal authority in this body and a Y footnote wouldn't be required. Mr. Kalsheur agreed.*

*Mr. Kruse moved, seconded by Ms. Notestein, that members not be required to file a Y footnote as a virtue of serving on this body.*

**4. Review of an SEI filing relating to financial reporting and one relating to "Tenant rent roll available upon request".**

*Tenant roll available upon request - the rent roll was requested, but not received.*

*Would list commercial tenants, but not private individuals. If residential real estate, then do not need to list the individual tenants. This building is an office building.*

*Mr. Highley can research the intent behind this section (5) and 6 as well.*

*This will be on the next agenda and no late fees assessed as incomplete.*

*Mr. Kruse moved to revisit this issue at the next meeting after additional research is conducted and all late-fees be waived. Seconded by Mr. Kalsheur. No objections with Ms. Notestein recused.*

*For the financial reporting question - there was a question about the nature of IRAs where the filer has no idea where the money is invested and she has no control over it. The Board agreed you would just need to list it and select the broad amounts - if it's in multiple accounts, those should be listed. If it's a blind trust, that would release her of any obligation. The filer can seek more advice from the Board, if she wishes.*

**5. Review and vote on filers seeking a waiver of paying late fees.**

*Shavon Winters - she did not get the e-mails and completed within the next day. The Board agreed to waive any late fees.*

*Mr. Vliet moved, seconded by Mr. Kalsheur, to waive the late-filing fee. There were no objections.*

*Raynetta Hill - Mr Kalsheur moved, seconded by Mr. Vliet to waive the late fees. There were no objections.*

*Dorothy York - The Board didn't see any justification to waive the late fee and the system will progress in the usual manner.*

*Mr. Vliet moved, seconded by Ms. Notestein, to deny any waiver of late fees.*

*Lee Whiting - The Board moved to take no further action as he has resigned from the Board and a replacement member already appointed.*

*Mr. Vliet moved, seconded by Ms. Notestein, to take no further action.*

*Felicia Saffold - The Board moved to waive any late fees as she had filed when she was made aware of the requirement.*

*Ms. Notestein moved, seconded by Mr. Kalsheur, to waive the late-filing fee. There were no objections.*

*Patricia Klosiewski - Continue on the usual path with her as she has failed to file to date.*

**6. Discussion on anonymous complaint mailed to the Board with no mailing address or contact information.**

*On the face of this, it's not a verified complaint and the chair cannot see that it's a violation of the Ethics code and there is no basis to do anything with this.  
Per Mr. Kalscheur it doesn't even rise to being addressed by the Board.  
Mr. Kruse moved, seconded by Mr. Kalscheur, to dismiss the complaint. There were no objections.*

**7. Update on SEI filings to date.**

*There are 24 individuals who have failed to file Statements to date. The letters will be mailed out tomorrow, time permitting.*

**8. Discussion and possible vote on changes to the 2025 SEI annual form.**

*The Board held off on accepting the three proposed changes (list City of Milwaukee as your salary, not listing your principal residence and listing full names of organizations) pending the results of the research. This item was tabled.  
Mr. Kruse moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholas, to table this matter until the next meeting.*

**9. Review newly filed Statement of Economic Interest Forms for clarity and completeness.**

*The Chair flagged Jesus Gonzales and Jose Pimeenta due to possible confusion in Part 2 which relate to what was discussed earlier in the meeting. The other Statements were accepted without comment.*

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

*Next meeting: May 6th at 2:30.  
This meeting will for an Ethics Board to vote on the filing of complaints.*

*Meeting adjourned: 3:11 PM  
Linda M. Elmer  
Staff Assistant*