



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes ETHICS BOARD

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*Devon Turner, Patricia Hintz, Annie Wacker, Joanne Barndt, and Robert Shelledy*

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Wednesday, March 18, 2009

9:00 AM

Room 301-G, City Hall

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*Meeting convened: 9:05 A.M.*

**Present:** 4 - Ellis, Wacker, Barndt, Toran

**Excused:** 2 - Hintz, Turner

**1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the February 18, 2009 meeting.**

*Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Ms. Toran, 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.**

*There were no items to be heard in closed session.*

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

*Roll call taken at 9:06 A.M.*

**Present:** 5 - Ellis, Hintz, Wacker, Barndt, Toran

**Excused:** 1 - Turner

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

*Ms. Devereaux responded to fewer questions related to the Statement of Economic Interest than in previous years. She contacted Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee about appointing an individual to replace Mr. Bernstein. Ms. Devereaux noted that the Rules and Procedures of the Board need to be updated. She also wrote three letters related to the last meeting.*

**5. Update on returns of the 2008 Statement of Economic Interest forms and late filing fees.**

*So far, 13 board/commission members have not filed statements and 5 employees have not yet filed. In 2008, as of March 4th, 49 board/commission members and 75 employees had not yet filed. Ms. Devereaux has a few employees who have not filed, but who left the City in 2009. The Board reviewed the ordinance to see what authority it has to grant an extension or waiver. Ms. Devereaux noted that she received a number of statements on March 11th, which falls in the area of 11-30 days and results in a \$25 fine for those filers. Ms. Devereaux will send out the notices to those who filed late and to the appointing authorities. The Board discussed specific instances of individuals who are filing late and if they should be charged late fees.*

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

*The board reviewed and approved the statements of Richard Heath, George Williams, Genyne Edwards, James Harpole, Michael Barndt, Raymond Vahey and Shirley Krug.*

*Ms. Barndt recused herself from reviewing the statement of Michael Barndt.*

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

*April 22nd at 9 a.m.*

*Meeting adjourned: 9:59 A.M.  
Linda M. Elmer  
Staff Assistant*