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Meeting Minutes ETHICS BOARD

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Wednesday, June 17, 2009

9:00 AM

Room 301-G, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:03 A.M.

Present: 4 - Ellis, Wacker, Barndt, Shelledy

Excused: 3 - Turner, Toran, Hintz

1. Roll call and approval of the May 20, 2009 minutes from the previous meeting.

Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Ms. Barndt, 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.

---Complaint #MEB09-06-01

Ms. Barndt moved, seconded by Mr. Shelledy, to 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 objections.

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

The Board reviewed complaint #MEB09-06-01, which failed to state a prima facie case for violations of the ethics code. The affected parties will be notified of the Board's decision.

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

Ms. Devereaux mailed three complaint forms to the public and the art work for the annual report has been approved. Ms. Devereaux had computer issues which have now been resolved.

5. View draft of the 2008 Ethics Board annual report.

Members had received a draft copy at the last meeting. Mr. Ellis provided feedback on the report. There were two corrections made to the report during the meeting. Ms. Barndt moved, seconded by Mr. Shelledy, for approval of the report. There were no objections.

6. Update on returns of the 2008 Statement of Economic Interests forms and late filing fees; Consider appropriate Board action in individual cases.

The invoices for the fees were just sent this week, so Ms. Devereaux is expecting irate phone calls related to these fees. The phone number of Donna Johnson, City Clerk's Office, is on the invoice, not Ms. Devereaux's. Mr. Ellis recommended amending the invoice to include the date that the statement was filed. Thirty seven individuals filed more than 11 days late.

No progress has been made on the filing of the affidavits. They remain on Judge Mosley's desk. The Board also discussed how to handle the 5 individuals who have not yet been served; two of whom are current board members and one of whom is a city employee. The remaining two are no longer city employees, but were employed by the city in January 2009.

7. Review newly-filed Statement of Economic Interest Forms for clarity and completeness.

The Board reviewed and approved the forms of Robert Shelledy, Gina Spang, Mildred Harpole, Jennifer Miswald and Sarah Weller Morgan

8. Set next meeting date(s).

July 15th at 9 a.m.

*Meeting adjourned: 10:08 A.M.
Linda M. Elmer
Staff Assistant*