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Meeting Minutes ETHICS BOARD

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Wednesday, July 15, 2009

9:00 AM

301-G, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:04 A.M.

Present: 5 - Turner, Ellis, Hintz, Wacker, Barndt

Excused: 2 - Toran, Shelledy

1. Roll call and approval of the June 17, 2009 minutes.

The minutes were amended to remove the text noting "Amended 6/9/09" which refers to the amendment of the agenda, not the minutes themselves.

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

Roll call taken at 9:07 A.M.

Present: 6 - Turner, Ellis, Hintz, Wacker, Barndt, Shelledy

Excused: 1 - Toran

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 #MEB09-06-02

Ms. Barndt moved, seconded by Ms. Turner, that 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 objections.

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

The Board considered a complaint MEB 09-06-2 and determined that the complaint

failed to present prima facie evidence sufficient for the Board to act on the complaint.

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

The annual report was completed and Ms. Devereaux sent out information to two individuals on how to file complaints. She has also been handling phone calls related to the billings for late filings of the Statements of Economic Interest.

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

Ms. Devereaux was contacted by a Health Dept. supervisor related to an employee who had not filed a statement in a timely manner. Ms. Devereaux will notify the City Attorney's Office that the statement was received and the affidavit process should be stopped.

Ms. Turner moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz, to stop the affidavit related to that individual and charge the appropriate fees based upon receipt of the statement on March 23rd.

There were three other individuals requesting that their fines be waived. All three individuals filed their forms one day past the grace period.

One individual claimed she never got the form as it was sent to her old address. She also changed positions and was unaware she had to file a statement. The board unanimously agreed to not waive the fee.

The other two individuals clearly filed their statements on March 11th, which was a day late and the Board agreed to not waive their fees.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the forms of Sarah Zarate and Chris Her Xiong.

7. Set next meeting date(s).

September 16th at 9 a.m.

*Meeting adjourned: 10:28 A.M.
Linda M. Elmer
Staff Assistant*