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Meeting Minutes ETHICS BOARD

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Wednesday, September 17, 2008

9:00 AM

Room 301-G, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:03 A.M.

Present: 4 - Turner, Ellis, Bernstein, Wacker

Excused: 3 - Toran, Hintz, Barndt

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the July 23, 2008 meeting.

Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Mr. Bernstein, 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 for closed session.

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

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

Ms. Devereaux did a citywide, department mailing seeking updates to the requirement to file statements of economic interest. Thirteen departments have responded, with twelve left to respond. So far, there have been no requests for additions or deletions of the "y" footnote, which requires a filing of the statement. Ms. Devereaux also organized and attended 3 subcommittee meetings.

5. Report from the Ethics Subcommittee relating to possible revisions to the Code of Ethics, Chapter 303, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.

The subcommittee met three times in August, but still needs to meet at least one more time in order to complete its work. The Department of Employee Relations gave the subcommittee a presentation on what the term "exempt" means - that term does have multiple meanings. Mr. Ellis or Ms. Wacker will speak to the chair of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee or another committee member to see if he is willing to sponsor the proposed legislation.

6. **Report on returns from Department and Division Heads relative to the list of individuals required to file the annual Statement of Economic Interest Form.**

Included as part of item #4.

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

The board reviewed and approved the statements of Patricia Doherty, Carolina Maria Stark and William G. Robison.

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

October 22nd at 9 a.m

Meeting adjourned: 9:27 A.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant