



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes ETHICS BOARD

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and Robert Shelledy**

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Wednesday, March 9, 2011

10:00 AM

Room 301-A, City Hall

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

**Excused:** 2 - Turner, Toran

**1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the January 26th meeting.**

*Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Mr. Shelledy, 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 matters for closed session.*

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

**4. Consideration of an appeal to waive the late-filing fee for a city employee.**

*After consideration of the e-mail submitted by Ms. Etheridge for waiver of the late-filing fee, Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Ms. Barndt, to deny the waiver. Prevailed. 4-1 (Mr. Shelledy voting "no") After discussion relating to when the Statement was due, Ms. Wacker amended her motion to waive the fee provided the 10-day grace period was calculated as part of the late filing-fee, seconded by Ms. Barndt. Prevailed. 4-1 (Mr. Shelledy voting "no").*

*Ms. Elmer determined after the meeting that the Statement was filed outside of the 10-day grace period, so the fee was correctly assessed.*

**5. Report from staff assistant relating to office activities of the previous month.**

*During the past two months, Ms. Elmer processed the annual filings of the Statement of Economic Interests. Two reminder e-mails to file statements were sent out (on Feb. 21 and March 9). At the time of the March 9th meeting, there were 27 city employees and 37 board members who had not filed their statements. The Board did receive authority from the state to retain only 7 year's worth of its confidential records, so those older records were destroyed. The Board also agreed to not pursue the filings of the statements for Megan Crump and Ben Weiland, who are no longer city employees. The Board also agreed not to pursue late-filing fees for those individuals who did file statements, but which need additional information.*

**6. Review the select annual Statements of Economic Interests**

*The Board reviewed the statements of all elected officials received so far. Those statements were posted on the Ethics web site March 1 as the Board previously directed.*

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

*The Board reviewed and approved the forms of Barbara Etheridge, Fran Obenshain, Gary Loop, Jessica Ceella, Paul Conway, Kristine Hughes, Jonathan Koberstein and Gerard Washington.*

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

*April 20th at 9 a.m.*

*Meeting adjourned: 10:37 A.M.  
Linda M. Elmer*