

City of Milwaukee

Meeting Minutes ETHICS BOARD

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Wednesday, May 18, 2011

9:00 AM

Room 301-A, City Hall

Meeting convened at 9:16 A.M.

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion by Ms. Barndt, seconded by Ms. Hintz to approve the minutes. There were no objections

Also present: Ed Ehrlich - Asst City Atty. Present: 4 - Hintz, Wacker, Barndt, Shelledy Excused: 3 - Turner, Toran, Ellis

2. Discussion related to requiring the members of the Pension Task Force to file Statement of Economic Interest.

Ms. Hintz moved that, based upon the review of the resolution that created the Pension Task Force, File # 100416, members of this Task Force should not be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest, seconded by Mr. Shelledy. There were no objections.

3. 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.

Ms. Hintz moved, seconded by *Ms.* Barndt, 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.

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

During this close session, the Board further reviewed a confidential opinion originally discussed at the last Ethics Board meeting.

Ms. Wacker asked the board to go back to the request of waiver of late fees from last month of Ms. Stephanie Bloomingdale. There were no objections.

Ms. Wacker requested that the board reconsider waiving the late fees based on the extraordinary circumstances taking place in the state of Wisconsin. Mr. Ehrlich said that this board makes desicions on factual information, therefore it is advisable that Ms. Bloomingdale submit her request in writing and be scheduled for the next Ethics Board meeting. The Board will notify Ms. Bloomingdale by mail of this decision.

Ms. Hintz moved to reconsider the request of waiver from last month of Stephanie Bloomingdale. There were no objections.

5. Update on filling of annual Statement of Economic Interest.

Staff Assistant reported that there were very few statements of economic interest received since the last meeting, April 20th.

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

Staff assistant sent letters to the non filers on March 27th; as a result of this mailing there were two individuals who replied with refusal to file; Mr. Dale Radke, member of the Safety Commission who stated that the Safety Commission has not met in over a year and Mr. William DeLind, member of the Art Board, also refusing to file. Since April 20th, the Ethics Board received one statement and \$125.00 on late fees.

Ald. Kovac has not responded to clarify the question the board posed when reviewing his statement last month.

The board agreed for the staff assistant to follow up with a letter to Ald. Kovac. To send a letter to explain the responsibility to file to Mr. Radke and also inviting him to the next Ethics Board meeting.

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

The Board review and approved the forms of Ralph Hollmon and Jeannette Mitchell. There were no objections.

8. Set next meeting date(s).

Thursday, June 16th at 9:00 A.M. room 301-A

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M. Joanna Poalnco Staff Assistant