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Meeting Minutes ETHICS BOARD

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and Robert Shelledy*

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Wednesday, June 16, 2010

9:00 AM

Room 303, City Hall

Meeting convened: 9:03 A.M.

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

Excused: 1 - Toran

1. Roll call and approval of the minutes from the May 19th meeting.

Ms. Turner 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 relating to complaint 10-1 pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats.

Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz, to go into closed session. There were no objections.

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

During closed session the Board considered a complaint against a public official and determined no prima facie evidence exists of a violation of the ethics code.

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

Ms. Elmer said that she scanned the Mayor's Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) to send to his campaign, had the appointment SEI posted online to replace the annual form, and e-mailed out the Rules and Procedures to all department heads. The Board's papers and rulings were also moved to the Legislative Reference Bureau and secured as needed.

5. Discussion relating to a possible late filing of a Statement of Economic Interests.

The Board discussed the individual who filed late and determined that the \$25 late-filing fee billing was justified. Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Mr. Shelledy to waive the late fees for those employees who were not previously notified that they were required to file (with the 21-day deadline to be imposed once they are notified that they need to file).

6. Discussion relating to retention of Board records.

*Of its records, the Board wished to retain the legislative history of the ethics code as that may be useful in the future.
Ms. Boarndt moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz, to ask that the its record retention schedule be changed relating to opinion requests and complaints for seven years. There were no objections, except that of Ms. Wacker.*

7. Discussion relating to posting of 2010 Statements of Economic Interests online.

The Board was supportive of posting elected officials' SEIs online for 2010.

8. Open records law and updating of the Statement of Economic Interests.

The Board wanted to retain the date on the annual filings of the Statements.

9. Report relating to the research assistant position hiring process and the possibility of using City Clerk staff to meet the job duties of the research assistant.

*The subcommittee members did review some of the resumes that were forwarded to them from the Staff Assistant. Mr. Ellis said that he was surprised by how many lawyers applied for this position.
The Board discussed the benefits of having the City Clerk's Office staff this body, rather than an independent contractor.
Ms. Wacker moved, seconded by Ms. Barndt, to retain the City Clerk staff in the position of Research Assistant.*

10. Review newly filed Statement of Economic Interests Forms for clarity and completeness.

The Board reviewed and approved the forms of: Christine Arkenberg, Eamon Guerin, Andrea Luecke and Kori Schneider Peragine.

11. Set next meeting date(s).

August 4th

*Meeting adjourned: 10:48 A.M.
Linda M. Elmer
Staff Assistant*