



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

ETHICS BOARD

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Wednesday, November 15, 2023

3:30 PM

Virtual

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm

Members present: Hintz, Kalscheur, Johnson and Mueller.

Members excused: Kruse and Nicholas.

Mr. Block from the City's Attorney Office was present as well.

Mr. Kalscheur moved approval of the meeting minutes from September 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Johnson.

2. Discussion of Complaint Filed by Jeffrey Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was not present.

Ms. Hintz said that the complaint is notarized but that it seems that the noted violation is not within this board's jurisdiction. She also made reference of the City Attorney's opinion and still thinks that is not within this board's jurisdiction.

Mr. Block said that if the board does not find a reasonable basis to believe that there is a violation of Chapter 303 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances; they should hold a vote to dismiss the complaint. He also said that he will prepare the dismissal letter.

All the members agreed to dismiss the letter. There were no objections.

3. The Board may convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats., to consider and render confidential advice. The Board will then convene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stats. to continue with the remainder of the agenda.

Ms. Johnson made the motion to convene into closed session seconded by Mr. Kalscheur. There were no objections.

Mr. Kalscheur made the motion to reconvene into open session seconded by Ms. Johnson. There were no objections.

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

Yadira Melendez gave the following report:

-The list of the Y footnoted positions has been created and the e-mail requesting the Department Heads to provide the names and e-mails was sent out. Currently working on completing the list in order to get started with the digital forms that are sent out via e-docusign at the end of the year.

-A new appointee from League of Women Voters file will be heard soon. (Instead of Member Johnson).

-Requested to open communication files for the Board Activity Reports for the years 2021 and 2022 and to request the Y footnote change on the positions that were approved by the Board back in May.

Mr. Block said that he just sent Ms. Melendez the dismissal letters for Mr. Beckmann and Mr. Chambers complaints and that those will be distributed among the members to be reviewed.

5. Election of a new Chairperson.

Ms. Hintz said that not all the members are present and that it seems that Ms. Johnson is leaving soon so she asked the members if they preferred to hold this item. The members agreed. There were no objections.

6. Set next meeting date(s).

Ms. Hintz asked the members if they are willing to entertain a meeting for the month of December.

The members agreed not have a meeting on December.

Mr. Block said that he will have some names for the board in order to discuss the recommendations from the Inspector's General investigation since he has to recuse himself.

The members agreed to discuss this matter in January.

Mr. Klascheur made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 pm, seconded by Ms. Johnson. There were no objections.

*Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant*