



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

ETHICS BOARD

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024

3:00 PM

Virtual

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

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm

*Members present: Kruse, Kalscheur, Nicholas, Notestein and Mueller.
Mr. Block from the Office of the City's Attorney was present as well.*

*Mr. Kalscheur moved approval of the meeting minutes from February 19, 2024. The motion was seconded by Ms. Notestein. There were no objections (4-0).
Member Nicholas joined the meeting after the minutes were approved.*

2. 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.

Mr. Nicholas made the motion to convene into closed session seconded by Mrs. Mueller. There were no objections.

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

3. Discussion relating to the status of the investigation into former Deputy City Attorney Ohiku, and determination on whether the Board has the authority to proceed with the investigation.

Mr. Kruse said that the Ethics Board no longer has jurisdiction conducting the investigation based upon Mr. Ohiku's resignation.

Mr. Kalscheur made the motion to close the investigation seconded by Mr. Nicholas. There were no objections.

4. Discussion relating to File Number 231647 - a Substitute ordinance to provisions of the code of ethics.

Mr. Kruse said that the Ethics Board roll is the interpretation down the line and the enforcement of the Ethics Board.

Mr. Kalscheur said that it is a reasonable clarification for the ordinance to make.

Mr. Kruse and Mr. Kalscheur agreed on to add more specificity.

*Mr. Block advised that the board can attend the hearing to offer testimony.
Mr. Kruse and Mr. Kalscheur said that they will appear before the Judiciary and
Legislation Committee on April 3, 2024.*

5. Discussion on updating the Ethics Board's Rules and Procedures

*Mr. Block said that some of the board rules needs to be modernized and gave some
examples to the members to be discussed at another meeting. He also said that he
will prepare a document to be reviewed.*

Ms. Mueller left the meeting at 4:13 pm. (Quorum of 4).

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

Yadira Melendez gave the following report:

*-A follow up e-mail was sent to Oscar Tovar (Mayor's office) on March 15, 2024
regarding the reappointments. No response yet.*

-The website has been updated.

*-2023 SEIs Forms: 40 forms still missing (549 positions). E-mails to the head
positions will be sent today/tomorrow.*

-Working on the 2022 Activities Report.

7. Set next meeting date(s).

The board members agreed on meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 9:30 am.

*With no further business, Mr. Nicholas made the motion to adjourn the meeting at
4:23 pm, seconded by Ms. Notestein. There were no objections.*

*Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant.*