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Meeting Minutes

ETHICS BOARD

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Wednesday, January 23, 2019

9:00 AM

Room 301-C, City Hall

Present: 5 - Hintz, Barndt, Kalscheur, Kruse, Maus

Excused: 1 - Wacker

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

Ms. Hintz was nominated as Acting Chair in the absence of the Chair and no member currently serving as Vice Chair. There were no objections.

The minutes from the December 18th meeting were corrected under item #4 as relating to Atty. Block's statement. Mr. Shelledy also didn't appear as being present, although he was, and that was corrected as well.

Mr. Kalscheur moved, seconded by Mr. Kruse, for approval of the minutes as amended. 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.

Ms. Barndt moved, seconded by Ms. Maus, to go into closed session. There were no objections.

Mr. Kalscheur moved, seconded by Mr. Kruse, to go into open session. There were no objections.

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

The requester for a confidential opinion was not present and the request needs more specificity. The staff assistant will contact the requester to get more information from him or her as well as note that his/her presence is required at the next meeting to address questions from the Board.

Roll call taken at 9:23 A.M.

Present: 6 - Hintz, Wacker, Barndt, Kalscheur, Kruse, Maus

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

Statements of Economic Interest continue to come in. The Board, based upon the supervisor's request, did approve adding a Y footnote to the position of Program Asssitsant II (X) under the DCD Real Estate and Development section.

Atty. Peter Block also noted a member of the Housing Trust Fund had been stopped by the police for a traffic issue and there was an outstanding warrant from 2014 relating to his failure to file an SEI. He wanted direction from the Board as to what action it wished to take. Ms. Hintz moved, seconded by Mr. Kruse, to require payment of \$250. There were no objections.

Atty. Peter Block had a few comments about updating the Ethics Code and wanted to get members' feedback. One suggestion was to create a definition of "anything of substantial value" as being \$50 or more, which seems to be the policy the Board currently follows. The residency restriction for the board staff person would also need to be stricken due to the change in state law. He also asked how the Board would like to determine its quorum, which is currently four members, which can be difficult to achieve at times. The quorum could be changed to a majority of the serving members. There was also discussion on changing the appointing bodies to the board or the giving the mayor or the Board the authority to appoint members. There is also the possibility of removal of board members for failure to file statements, rather than the current system or possibly not requiring board members to file statements if the board has no financial oversight.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the statements of Whitney Maus and Allyson Dale Nemec. Ms. Maus will not be required to file a 2108 Statement as she took her oath this morning just prior to the Board meeting.

6. Set next meeting date(s).

Februrary 27th at 9 a.m.

*Meeting adjourned: 9:46 A.M.
Linda M. Elmer
Staff Assistant*