

## City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

## **Meeting Minutes**

## ETHICS BOARD INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

PATRICIA HINTZ, CHAIR,
Bradley Kalscheur, Vice-Chair
Michael Kruse, Whitney Maus, Clarence Nicholas, Kathleen
Johnson, and Emily Mueller
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Tuesday, February 9, 2021

2:00 PM

**Virtual Meeting** 

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

The meeting convened at 2:03 PM Individuals also present: ACA Peter Block - CAO Atty. Kimberly Walker - CAO

Mr. Nicholas moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Ms. Maus. There were no objections.

Present: 6 - Hintz, Kalscheur, Kruse, Maus, Nicholas, Johnson

Excused: 1 - Mueller

2. Interviews of Candidates for Investigator

The Committee interviewed Patrice Malone and Atty. Walter Zimmerman.

3. Discussion and Possible Vote on Investigator Candidates

The Chair stated that Mr. Goodrich has a lot of different experience is various legal matters and investigations. She stated that Ms. Malone has relevant experience with documenting facts and investigations. She added that Atty. Zimmerman has worked for large firms. She stated that she wants to have someone who can commit the time to get this started and finished. Mr. Kalscheur stated he likes Atty. Goodrich's ethics experience and he's concerned about Ms. Malone working for someone else so she may not have the time flexibility. Mr. Kruse stated Atty. Goodrich is the right fit in many areas. Mr. Nicholas stated he likes Atty. Goodrich's extensive investigatory experience.

Ms. Johnson moved to retain Atty. Avery Goodrich as the investigator, seconded by Mr. Nicholas. There were no objections.

4. Communication regarding the subpoena for Commissioner DeVougas' financial records.

Atty. Block stated he attempted to serve Commissioner DeVougas with the subpoenas from the Board multiple times. He added that he has affidavits of non-service from the process server. He stated that he has contacted Commissioner DeVougas' attorney with no response. The Chair stated that she's disappointed that Commissioner DeVougas is being uncooperative. She added that she recommends leaving the subpoena at his home or publishing it. Mr. Kalscheur stated they should serve the attorney and by publication.

## 5. Set next meeting date(s).

The Chair stated Ms. Kuether-Steele would be contacting members regarding availability.

Ms. Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Nicholas. The meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM Molly Kuether-Steele Staff Assistant