



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

## Meeting Minutes

### ETHICS BOARD

**PATRICIA HINTZ, CHAIR,**  
**Bradley Kalscheur, Vice-Chair**  
**Michael Kruse, Whitney Maus, Clarence Nicholas, Kathleen**  
**Johnson, and Emily Mueller**  
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Thursday, July 1, 2021

1:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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

*The meeting convened at 1:32 PM*

*Individuals also present:*

*Atty. Peter Block - CAO*

*Atty. Michael May*

*Ms Johnson moved approval, seconded by Ms. Hintz. There were no objections.*

**Present:** 6 - Hintz, Kalscheur, Kruse, Nicholas, Mueller, Johnson

**Excused:** 1 - Maus

**2. The Board may convene into closed session, pursuant to s.19.85(1)(h), Wis. Stats., to consider a request for confidential written advice. The Board will then reconvene into open session as authorized by s. 19.85(2), Wis. Stat., to continue with the remainder of the agenda.**

*Mr. Kruse moved to convene into closed session, seconded by Ms. Mueller. The*

*meeting convened into closed session at 1:41 PM.*

*The Board reconvened into open session at 2:14 PM.*

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

*Ms. Kuether-Steele stated at the Judiciary & Legislation Committee on June 7th, 3 Ethics Board files were discussed: the contract with Atty. May, the annual report, and the removal of board/commission members who have not filed their statements of economic interest. She added that Ald. Hamilton held the file removing members in order to reach out to them personally. She stated that she, Oscar Tovar from the Mayor's Office, and Ald. Hamilton reached out to the 5 delinquent filers and only 2 have submitted their statements so far.*

**4. Discussion and vote relating to late filing fees for statement of economic interests**

*Ms. Hintz stated that she is inclined to assess the minimum \$25 penalty.*

*Ms. Hintz moved to assess the \$25 late fee for the delinquent filers, seconded by Mr. Nicholas. There were no objections.*

**5. Discussion and vote relating to future virtual or in-person meetings**

*Ms. Hintz stated that she envisions a hybrid model, where the Board meets virtually, and in person when needed.*

*Ms. Mueller stated she likes having a virtual option.*

*Ms. Hintz moved to continue to meet virtually, and only in person when needed based on the agenda, seconded by Ms. Johnson. There were no objections.*

**6. Discussion relating to proposed changes to the Ethics Code**

*Atty. Block stated there is an ordinance before the Common Council that would amend the Ethics Code to require elected officials and appointees to participate in ethics and anti-harassment training.*

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

*Mr. Nicholas moved, seconded by Ms. Johnson to accept the statements of economic interest from: Lindsey St. Arnold Bell, Dana Zelazny, Shelley Gregory, Jamal Washington, Kantara Souffrant, April Heding, Tarik Moody, and Jacqueline Cook.*

**8. Set next meeting date(s).**

*Ms. Kuether-Steele stated she will send out an email to members regarding their availability for the next meeting.*

*Ms. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Nicholas. There were no objections.*

*The meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.*

*Molly Kuether-Steele  
Staff Assistant*