

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2012

Call to order

Chairman **David B. Carr** called to order a meeting of the **Ethics Board** at **2:09 PM** on **February 17, 2012** in **Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse**.

1.0 Roll call

The Ethics Board Executive Director, Veronica W. Robinson, conducted a roll call. The following Board Members were present: Chairman David B. Carr, Christian B. Flores, Henry Hamilton III, and Reverend Gary B. Manning

Board Member Marcia F. Drame arrived at 2:21 PM.

The following Board Member resigned: Rebecca Blemberg.

2.0 Approval of minutes from January 12, 2012

Rev. Manning moved. Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of its January 12, 2012 meeting.

3.0 Report of the Executive Director

- 3.1 A Professional Services Agreement made by and between Milwaukee County Ethics Board and the law firm of Pleas Williams, LLC was presented to the Board for review. Atty. David Ress was introduced as the representative for Pleas Williams, LLC and attended the meeting.
- 3.2 The Board voted for appointments to the positions on the Board and unanimously voted to retain David B. Carr as Chairman and to name Henry Hamilton III as Vice Chairman.
- 3.3 Informational review of the 2012 Calendar. The Board rescheduled the Friday, May 25, 2012 to Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 3:00 PM.
- 3.4 Informational review of the updates to the Lobbying Manual. No action taken by the Ethics Board.
- 3.5 Barbara J. Kierzek, Office of the Ethics Board, presented the status of the filings Statement of Economic Interests forms. No action taken by the Ethics Board.

- 3.6 Informational review of the Formal Opinion on Sec. 9.05(2)(j), M.C.G.O. No action taken by the Ethics Board.
- 3.7 Informational review of the Lobbyist & Principals Report 2011. No action taken by the Ethics Board.
- 3.8 The Board agreed to accept the resignation of Rebecca Blemberg whose term was to expire in February, 2012. The Board accepted the resignation of Rev. Gary B. Manning who agreed to remain active until a successor is named. The Office of the Ethics Board will proceed in filling both vacancies.

4.0 Report of the Chairman

Rev. Manning moved, Mr. Flores seconded pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(f), and the Ethics Board convened in closed session to discuss items 4.1, confidential advisories, and 4.2, verified complaints or requests for investigation, if any.

Mr. Hamilton moved, Rev. Manning seconded to reconvene in open session.

The Board agreed to meet for a Special Session/Closed Meeting of the Ethics Board on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 3:00 PM to further discuss a confidential verified complaint.

5.0 Status Report from Rules of Procedure and By-Laws Review Committee

Ms. Blemberg's resignation presented a vacancy on the Committee. Henry Hamilton III volunteered to replace Ms. Blemberg as a Committee member. Ms. Drame and Mr. Hamilton will present an updated status report to the Board by April 1, 2012.

6.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hamilton moved, Ms. Drame seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Veronica W. Robinson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Veronica W. Robinson", is written over a horizontal blue line.

Executive Director, Ethics Board

A complete copy of the Ethics Board's January 12, 2012 agenda is available on the website at <http://county.milwaukee.gov/ETHICSBOARD8460.htm> or you may obtain a copy from the Ethics Board staff located in Room 212 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.