

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Wednesday, March 27, 2013 Ethics Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order

Chairman David B. Carr called to order a meeting of the Ethics Board at 3:07 PM on March 27, 2013 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, Vice Chairman Henry Hamilton III, Christian B. Flores, Marcia F. Drame, Reverend Gary B. Manning and Carol Wichmann.

The Ethics Board may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(a), (f), (g) for the purpose of the Ethics Board deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before the Ethics Board; considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. 19.85(1)(b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; and for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the Ethics Board who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Board may reconvene in open session to take whatever action(s) it may deem necessary.

2.0 From the Ethics Board's Executive Director relative to open records requests under Chapter 19, subchapter II, Wis. Stats. and public records under Chapter 9, M.C.G.O.

The Ethics Board's Executive Director, Veronica W. Robinson, read a prepared statement into the record regarding her duties as Custodian of the Ethics Board's records. Ms. Robinson stated that a possible conflict existed between her duties under the Wisconsin Public Record's Law and her understanding of the Ethics Board's interpretation of some of the public records language in the Ethics Code, Chapter 9, M.C.G.O. Ms. Robinson requested that the Ethics Board clarify its interpretation of relevant sections of the Ethics Code, with the goal of ensuring harmony between the Statute and the Ordinance. The

current meeting was being held to examine the subject matter pertaining to current public records requests.

Mr. Hamilton moved, Mr. Manning seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to discuss the matter in closed session.

After discussing the matter in closed session, Ms. Drame moved, Mr. Manning seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to reconvene into open session.

Mr. Hamilton stated for the record that moving forward the Board will follow the process whereby at the conclusion of the Ethics Board's review of a matter, Requests for Investigation and Verified Complaints that do not result in a finding that a violation of the Ethics Code occurred will not be treated as public records. Requests for Investigation and Verified Complaints that do result in a finding that a violation of the Ethics Code occurred will be treated as public records subject to the redaction rules of any other public record, as provided under the Wisconsin State Statutes.

9.0 Adjournment

Mr. Manning then moved, Ms. Drame seconded and the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:02 PM

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