

# ***MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD***

**Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Ethics Board Meeting Minutes**

## **1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Board Chair Christian B. Flores called to order a meeting of the Ethics Board at 3:07 PM on November 17, 2015, in Room 306 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

The Ethics Board Administrator, Rebecca Janz, conducted a roll call. The following Board Members were present: Howard Schnoll, Carol Wichmann, Gary B. Manning, Carol Wichmann, and Christian B. Flores.

Marcia Drame arrived at 3:09 PM.

Clarence Nicholas was excused.

## **2.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of September 8, 2015**

Mr. Manning moved, Ms. Wichmann seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Ethics Board meeting.

## **3.0 Report of the Executive Director – *This agenda item was laid over until after item 4.0***

Rebecca M. Janz, Executive Director, and the Board discussed the 2016 Meeting Schedule as well as Ms. Janz' testimony at the Judiciary, Safety and General Services Meeting.

### **3.1 Lobbying Reports from County Clerk Joseph Czarneski**

Reverend Manning moved, Ms. Wichmann seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to receive the reports and place on file.

### **3.2 Testimony at the October, 2015 Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Meeting**

*This item was informational only. There was no action taken by the Board.*

### **3.3 2016 Meeting Schedule**

The Board scheduled its next regular meetings for February 9, 2016, May 17, 2016, August 9, 2016, and November 29, 2016.

#### **4.0 Proposed Audit Authority to Investigate Ethics Matters**

Appearances: Jerome Heer and Matthew Hart

Rebecca M. Janz, Executive Director, presented a proposed Rule and agreement for review and approval by the Board. Reverend Manning moved, Ms. Wichmann seconded, and the Board by vote 4-1, adopted the proposed Rule.

*Ms. Drame, who joined the meeting during discussion of Agenda Item 4-0, abstained.*

#### **5.0 Discussion of Hearing Procedures**

Rebecca M. Janz, Executive Director, and the Board discussed options and possible revision of hearing procedures. The Board requested Counsel and staff provide draft rule and procedure revisions for review and approval by the Board.

#### **6.0 Closed Session**

Mr. Schnoll moved, Reverend Manning seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to go into closed session.

*19.85 (1) (f) The Board may investigate charges against specific persons.*

*19.85 (1) (g) The Board may confer with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy.*

*19.85(1) (h) The Board's deliberations on requests for advice under the ethics code shall be in closed session.*

After discussion in closed session, the Board voted (5-0) to reconvene into open session.

#### **7.0 Adjournment**

Ms. Wichmann moved, Reverend Manning seconded, and the Board adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Rebecca M. Janz

Executive Director, Ethics Board