

# ***MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD***

## **Thursday, February 4, 2021, Ethics Board Meeting Minutes**

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

Board Chair Christopher Meuler called to order a meeting of the Ethics Board at 3:09 p.m. on February 4, 2021. The meeting was held telephonically.

The Ethics Board Executive Director, Adam Gilmore, conducted a roll call. The following Board Members were present: Christopher Meuler, Christian Flores, Dana Guthrie, Clarence Nicholas, Christine Hansen and Rachel Yates.

### **2.0 Appreciation for Ethics Board Member Christian Flores**

Boar Chair Christopher Meuler, along with all of the Board Members, shared his appreciation for Mr. Christian Flores' service on the Ethics Board and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Mr. Flores shared his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board for the last 12 years and the importance of the Board's work. Mr. Flores thanked the staff of the Ethics Board office for the support they provide to the Board. He also mentioned that he has worked with the Public Policy Forum to make sure they are aware of the end of his tenure with the Board.

### **3.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of November 12, 2020**

Mr. Nicholas moved, Ms. Yates seconded, and the Board voted 6-0, to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 12, 2020.

### **4.0 Election of Officers**

Ms. Hansen nominated Mr. Meuler for Chair. Ms. Guthrie seconded the nomination, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the nomination of Mr. Christopher Meuler to Chair of the Ethics Board.

Mr. Meuler nominated Ms. Hansen for Vice Chair. Mr. Nicholas seconded the nomination, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the nomination of Ms. Christine Hansen to Vice Chair of the Ethics Board.

### **5.0 Report of the Executive Director**

Adam Gilmore, Executive Director, and the Board discussed the Quarterly Lobbying Report from the Office of the County Clerk, the 2020 Annual Report, the 2021 annual

Statement of Economic Interests process and filing report, and an update regarding the digital Statement of Economic Interests project.

5.1 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Lobbying Report from County Clerk, George Christenson

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

5.2 2020 Annual Report

Mr. Gilmore went over the information that is included in the annual report. Mr. Meuler made a motion to provisionally approve the 2020 Annual Report subject to any comments or revisions from Ethics Board members by March 20, 2021. It was seconded by Ms. Guthrie, and the Board voted 6-0, to provisionally approve the 2020 Annual Report.

5.3 Statement of Economic Interests – 2021 Annual Filing Report

Mr. Gilmore summarized the 2021 SEI filing report. Mr. Gilmore also shared his appreciation for the hard work of office staff, as well as all of the filers, to complete the project. The SEI filing process was also explained for Ms. Yates. The report was received and placed on file.

5.4 Update on Digital Statements of Economic Interests Project

Mr. Gilmore informed the Board that our current IMSD Business Partner was promoted, so the new Business Partner, once hired, will be brought up-to-date on the project.

**6.0 Closed Session**

At 3:32 p.m., Mr. Flores moved, Mr. Nicholas seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to go into closed session.

*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.*

At 3:50 p.m., after discussion in closed session, Mr. Flores moved, Mr. Nicholas seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to reconvene in open session.

**7.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Flores moved, Ms. Guthrie seconded, and the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alisha Terry  
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