

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 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 3:03 p.m. on February 5, 2020, in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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

2.0 Introduction of Ethics Board Member, Dana Guthrie

The Ethics Board welcomes its newest member, Dana Guthrie, representing the Greater Milwaukee Committee. The Board thanks Ms. Guthrie for volunteering her time in service to Milwaukee County. Ms. Guthrie was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri and moved to Milwaukee to attend Milwaukee School of Engineering and earned a degree in field engineering. She is the Building Automation Software Product Manager for Johnson Controls.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meetings of November 6 and December 4, 2019

Ms. Herber moved, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board voted 4-0, with Ms. Guthrie abstaining, to approve the minutes from the meetings of November 6 and December 4, 2019.

4.0 Election of Officers

Ms. Hansen nominated Mr. Meuler for Chair. Mr. Flores seconded the nomination, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the nomination of Mr. Christopher Meuler to Chair of the Ethics Board.

Ms. Hansen nominated Ms. Herber for Vice Chair. Ms. Meuler seconded the nomination, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the nomination of Ms. Cynthia Herber 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, 2019 Annual Report, the Statements of Economic Interests – 2020 Annual Filing Report and the Winter 2019 Ethically Speaking Newsletter.

5.1 2019 4th Quarter Lobbying Report from County Clerk, George Christenson

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

5.2 2019 Annual Report

Ms. Herber moved, Ms. Hansen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the 2019 annual report following the recommended change.

5.3 Statements of Economic Interests – 2020 Filing Report

Mr. Gilmore summarized the 2020 SEI filing report. The SEI filing process was also explained for Ms. Guthrie. The report was received and placed on file.

5.4 Winter 2019 Ethically Speaking Newsletter

Mr. Gilmore shared the latest Ethically Speaking Newsletter from December 2019.

6.0 Closed Session

At 3:21 p.m., Mr. Flores moved, Ms. Herber seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 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 4:57 p.m., after discussion in closed session, Ms. Hansen moved, Ms. Guthrie seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to reconvene in open session.

7.0 Adjournment

Ms. Herber moved, Ms. Guthrie seconded, and the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alisha Terry
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