

# ***MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD***

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 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 2:20 p.m. on February 27, 2019, in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

The Ethics Board Interim Director, Adam Gilmore, conducted a roll call. The following Board Members were present: Christopher Meuler, Christian Flores, Christine Hansen, Clarence Nicholas and Cynthia Herber. Howard Schnoll appeared by telephone.

## **2.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meetings of November 7, 2018**

Mr. Flores moved, Ms. Hansen seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 Ethics Board meeting.

## **3.0 Resignation of Board Member Howard Schnoll**

Board Chair Christopher Meuler thanked Mr. Howard Schnoll for his service with the Milwaukee County Ethics Board and community and wished him well in his next endeavors and next volunteer opportunities.

## **4.0 Election of Officers**

Mr. Flores nominated Ms. Herber for Vice Chair. Mr. Nicholas seconded the nomination, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the nomination of Ms. Cynthia Herber to Vice Chair of the Ethics Board.

Mr. Flores nominated Mr. Meuler for Chair. Ms. Hansen seconded the nomination, and the Board voted 6-0 to approve the nomination of Mr. Christopher Meuler to Chair of the Ethics Board.

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

Adam Gilmore, Interim Director, and the Board discussed the Quarterly Lobbying Report from the Office of the County Clerk, 2018 Annual Report and the Statements of Economic Interests – 2019 Annual Filing Report.

5.1 2018 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 2018 Annual Report

Mr. Gilmore presented the 2018 Annual Report for review and approval by the Board. The Board, by consensus, amended and approved the 2018 Annual Report.

5.3 Statements of Economic Interests – 2019 Annual Filing Report

Mr. Gilmore summarized the SEI annual filing for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The Board and Mr. Gilmore discussed the increase in total filers and how the high filing percentage from last year was maintained.

**6.0 Closed Session**

At 2:45 p.m., Mr. Nicholas moved, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to go into closed session. Mr. Schnoll left the meeting after item 5.3.

*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 4:18 p.m., after discussion in closed session, Mr. Flores moved, Mr. Nicholas seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to reconvene in open session.

**7.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Nicholas moved, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alisha Terry  
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