

# ***MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD***

## **Thursday, May 5, 2022, 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 May 5, 2022. The meeting was held telephonically.

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

### **2.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of February 3, 2022**

Mr. Nicholas moved, Ms. Hansen seconded, and the Board voted 5-0, to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 3, 2022.

### **3.0 Report of the Executive Director**

Adam Gilmore, Executive Director, and the Board discussed the 2021 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Lobbying Report from the Office of the County Clerk, the completion of the digital SEI project, the 2022 annual Statement of Economic Interests drive, and the 2021 annual report.

#### **3.1 2021 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.*

#### **3.2 New Statement of Economic Interests Form for Candidates for Office**

Mr. Gilmore informed the Board that with the launching of the new MyCounty portal at the beginning of the year, the Office of the Ethics Board stopped offering paper versions of the Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”) form. The Election Commission, who previously received paper forms from the Office of the Ethics Board for candidate filings, would like to continue offering a paper form version along with instructions for filing within the portal. Mr. Gilmore designed a new SEI form for candidates only. The new form delineates that it is for candidates only, provides the Election Commission’s contact information, and removed the gift section. The Election Commission will promote the MyCounty portal for SEI filing but will also offer paper copies for candidates.

### **4.0 Closed Session**

At 3:13 p.m., Ms. Yates moved, Mr. Nicholas 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 4:36 p.m., after discussion in closed session, Ms. Hansen moved, Mr. Nicholas seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to reconvene in open session. Ms. Yates left the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

## **5.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Nicholas moved, Mr. Donner seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alisha Terry  
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