

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Wednesday, May 6, 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 3:02 p.m. on May 6, 2020. 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, Christian Flores, Dana Guthrie and Clarence Nicholas.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of February 5, 2020

Ms. Hansen moved, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board voted 5-0, to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 5, 2020.

3.0 Resignation of Board Member Cynthia Herber

Executive Director, Adam Gilmore, informed the Board that Ms. Herber had accepted a position in New Mexico. Mr. Gilmore, on behalf of the Board, thanked Ms. Herber for her commitment and service to the Board and wished her well in her new endeavors.

4.0 Election of Vice-Chair

Mr. Meuler nominated Mr. Flores for Vice Chair. Ms. Hansen seconded the nomination, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the nomination of Mr. Christian Flores 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, Orientation of Incoming County Executive and County Board Supervisors, and Ethics Code and Board Updates.

5.1 2020 1st Quarter Lobbying Report from County Clerk, George Christenson

The report was unavailable for this meeting but will be presented at the August 6, 2020 meeting.

5.2 Orientation of Incoming County Executive and County Board Supervisors

Mr. Gilmore informed the Board that the new County Board Supervisors had received their new employee orientation, which included a presentation by

himself regarding the Ethics Code and the Ethics Board. The same information is to be presented to the new County Executive. Both the new Supervisors and County Executive are aware of the need to file a Statement of Economic Interest.

5.3 Ethics Code and Board Updates

Mr. Gilmore informed the Board that the County of Board of Supervisors at their March 26, 2020 meeting, had adopted a change to the Ethics Code regarding Chapter 9.02, and the definition of “Anything of Value”. The amount of \$25.00 was changed to \$50.00 to be in line with the State of Wisconsin’s Ethics Code.

6.0 **Closed Session**

At 3:21 p.m., Ms. Hansen moved, Mr. Flores 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 3:48 p.m., after discussion in closed session, Ms. Guthrie moved, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to reconvene in open session.

7.0 **Adjournment**

Ms. Hansen moved, Mr. Flores seconded, and the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alisha Terry
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