

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Thursday, May 6, 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 3:12 p.m. on May 6, 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, Christine Hansen, Clarence Nicholas and Richard Donner. Dana Guthrie joined at 3:18 p.m. Rachel Yates was excused.

2.0 Introduction of new Ethics Board Member Richard Donner

Board Chair Christopher Meuler introduced newest Board member Richard Donner. Mr. Donner expressed his excitement to join the Board.

3.0 Introduction of new Ethics Board Outside Legal Counsel Leila Sahar

Board Chair Christopher Meuler introduced Leila Sahar, the Board's new outside legal counsel. Ms. Sahar expressed her excitement to join the team.

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of February 4, 2021

Mr. Nicholas moved, Ms. Guthrie seconded, and the Board voted 4-0, to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 4, 2021. Mr. Donner abstained, as he was not serving on the Board at the time of the February 4th meeting.

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 2021 and 2022 annual Statement of Economic Interests drive updates, and an update regarding the Ethics Board office.

5.1 2021 1st Quarter Lobbying Report from County Clerk, George Christenson

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

5.2 2021 and 2022 Annual Statement of Economic Interest Drive Updates

Mr. Gilmore informed the Board that the 2021 drive for annual Statement of Economic Interests submissions can report a 100% submission rate.

Mr. Gilmore updated the Board on the digital Statement of Economic Interests filing project. The office now has a new IMSD liaison and will be meeting with them to discuss the project.

5.3 Ethics Board Office Updates

Mr. Gilmore informed the Board that the annual report presentation to the County Board of Supervisors has been postponed to June 2021. He also stated that in-person meetings may resume as early as August 2021 depending on authorization from the County Executive's office.

6.0 **Closed Session**

At 3:23 p.m., Ms. Guthrie 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 4:15 p.m., after discussion in closed session, Ms. Guthrie moved, Mr. Nicholas seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to reconvene in open session.

7.0 **Adjournment**

Mr. Donner moved, Ms. Hansen seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alisha Terry
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