

***MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD***  
**Tuesday August 11, 2015 Ethics Board Meeting Minutes**

**1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Board Chair Christian B. Flores called to order a meeting of the Ethics Board at 3:03 p.m. on August 11, 2015, in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

The Ethics Board Administrator, Rebecca Janz, conducted a roll call. The following Board Members were present: Howard Schnoll, Gary B. Manning, Carol Wichmann, Marcia F. Drame (via telephone), and Christian B. Flores.

Clarence Nicholas was excused.

**2.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meetings of April 10, 2015, and July 28, 2015.**

Reverend Manning moved, Ms. Wichmann seconded, and the Board, by unanimous vote (5-0) approved the minutes of the April 10, 2015 and July 28, 2015 meetings.

**3.0 Report of the Executive Director**

**3.1 Second Quarter Lobbying Reports from County Clerk Joseph Czarnezki**

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

**3.2 Proposed Audit Authority to Investigate Ethics-Related Allegations**

Appearances: Matthew Hart

The Board discussed the possibility of working with the Department of Audit on investigations in certain situations. The Board requested Counsel and staff investigate the Ethics Board's authority to enter such an arrangement and report back at the November 17, 2015 meeting.

**3.3 Quarterly Filing for Pension Board Employees Who Are County Employees**

The Board heard the report of the Executive Director that going forward Pension Board employees who are also County employees will be required to file quarterly Statements of Economic Interests with the Ethics Board. In the past, only the Pension Board members filed quarterly statements; however, upon review of the language of the Ethics Code and consultation with the Board's Counsel and Chair, County employees as well as members of the Pension Board are required to file quarterly under the Code.

#### **4.0 Closed Session**

At 3:47 p.m., Ms. Drame moved, Ms. Wichmann seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to go into closed session.

*19.85 (1) (f) The Board may investigate charges against specific persons.*

*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 4:30 p.m., after discussion in closed session, Reverend Manning moved, Ms. Drame seconded, and the Board voted (5-0) to reconvene into open session.

#### **5.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Schnoll moved, Reverend Manning seconded, and the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Rebecca M. Janz  
Executive Director, Ethics Board