

CITY OF STAMFORD

Board of Ethics
Stamford Government Center
May 30, 2018

Draft Minutes

Present

Cheryl Bader, Chair
Allan Lang, Member
John Morgan, Member
Monica Smyth, Member

Mary George, Library Media Specialist – Stamford High School
Dr. Claudia Beslage, Asst. Principal-Stamford High School

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bader at 7:14 p.m. in the Safety Training Room.

1. The minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting were accepted without amendment. Moved by Ms. Smyth, seconded by Ms. Bader and unanimously approved.
2. Discussion regarding Request for Advisory Opinion from Steven Falcone, Executive Director of Human Resources, et al.
Ms. George stated that she has been invited to participate in the American Library Association's Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA and that Google Inc. is offering to reimburse her expenses, providing that Google be assured that by accepting reimbursement she would be in compliance with applicable City of Stamford ethics laws and policies. She stated that she is not seeking a formal Advisory Opinion, but an endorsement of the Google Compliance Letter. Following discussion of relevant Code sections, and acknowledging the professional development that would be gained by the school district as Ms. George uses her learning at the conference to train school librarians employed in our school system, Mr. Morgan moved that the Board of Ethics issue to the Designated Official a non-objection opinion to signing the Google Gift Compliance Letter. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bader and unanimously passed.
3. Discussion regarding City of Stamford Code of Ethics.
Mr. Morgan provided an excerpt of the Virginia Bar Association Code of Ethics, and pointed out for our consideration alternatives for resolving complaints that are not available under the Stamford Code. Ms. Bader cautioned that we should refer to the City Charter to be certain not to make recommendations that could conflict with the Charter. She suggested that it could be helpful to have the Law Department give us a tutorial on the history and development of the Stamford Code. She suggested that members of the board bring their suggestions for improvement to the Code to our next meeting.
4. Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Ms. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Morgan, and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Lang, Acting Secretary