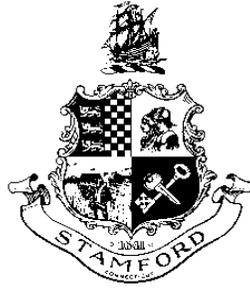


MAYOR
Caroline Simmons



CITY OF STAMFORD
BOARD OF ETHICS

888 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
P.O. BOX 10152
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT 06904-2152
Tel. (203) 977-4172
Fax: (203) 977-4075

CHAIR
Allan D. Lang
VICE CHAIR
Fred C. Springer
MEMBERS
Christine A. Dzujna
Benjamin Folkinshteyn
Laura Indellicati
Dennis Torres
Monica S. Smyth
ALTERNATE
Kevin J. Quinn

ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to
Section 19-14 E (2) of
The Stamford Municipal Code of Ethics

June 21, 2023

This Annual Report has been prepared by the Board of Ethics of the City of Stamford (the “Board”) and is delivered to the Mayor and the President of the Board of Representatives pursuant to Section 19-14 E(2) of the Stamford Municipal Code of Ethics (“the Code”). It is for the period beginning June 1, 2022 and ending May 31, 2023 (the “Report Period”).

The Board engaged in the following activities during the Report Period:

1. Advisory Opinions

During the Report Period, the Board received nine requests for Advisory Opinions. The Board issued five Advisory Opinions, one request for an Advisory Opinion was withdrawn, and three were in the process of preparation at the end of the Report Period.

2. Formal Complaints

During the Report Period, the Board received sixteen Complaints to investigate. Twelve Complaints were investigated and dismissed upon finding no probable cause. At the end of the Report Period, four investigations were not yet completed.

3. Training for the Board

Required ethics training for all Board members was provided through the City’s IT Department. In addition, new members are required to complete the State of Connecticut Office of State Ethics’ online ethics training, “Ethics 101” or the equivalent State course, within thirty days of appointment to the Board of Representatives.

4. Board Members

The Code calls for a body of seven Members and two Alternates. Functionally, as has been the practice in past years, Alternate Board Members are “considered working members of the Board” pursuant to Code Section 19-14 A (6) and participated in all meetings and work of the Board. During the Report Period, the Board continued to operate at less than full strength.

While vacancies on the Board have not precluded our fulfilling our responsibilities, due to the unusual influx of work during this Report Period, combined with an open seat, it was not possible to staff as many investigating committees as were needed at one time. As a result, additional time beyond that stated in the Code was often required to complete investigations. We again ask that the process move forward as quickly as possible to find replacements when vacancies exist.

In a previous year, the Board voted to report the attendance record of each Board Member in the Board’s Annual Report. The following is the attendance record for Report Period:

Member Name	Meetings Present	Possible Meetings	Attendance Percentage %
Christine Dzujna	9	10	90%
Benjamin Folkinshteyn	8	10	80%
Laura Indellicati	7	8	87.5%
Allan Lang	10	10	100%
Kevin Quinn	9	10	90%
Myrna Sessa	9	9	100%
Monica Smyth	10	10	100%
Fred Springer	5	10	50%
Dennis Torres	1	1	100%

5. Administrative Support

Our Administrative Assistant Kimberly Hawreluk continues to provide the Board with outstanding support, for which we are most appreciative.

6. Recommendations

The Board intends to submit recommendations for improvement to the Municipal Code of Ethics at a later date.