

CITY OF STAMFORD
Board of Ethics

ANNUAL REPORT

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

June 28, 2019

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 July 13, 2018 (the date of the Board's last Annual Report) and ending June 28, 2019 (the "Report Period").

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

1. Advisory Opinions

During the Report Period, the Board received 5 requests for and issued 4 Advisory Opinions. The Board declined to issue an Advisory Opinion in response to one request. These requests mostly involved questions of potential conflicts of interest.

2. Formal Complaints

During the Report Period there were several Ethics Complaints received, investigated and disposed of by findings of no probable cause. The Board received one Ethics Complaint where probable cause was found, resulting in a stipulated agreement being reached between the Board of Ethics and the respondent.

3. Board Members

The Board welcomed new members Christine Dzujna as of December 18, 2018 and Thomas Hynes as of April 17, 2019. Chair Cheryl Bader concluded her service on the Board as of April 17, 2019; thereafter member Allan Lang was elected chairman. As of this report date the Board continues to operate without full membership, as has been the case for more than a year. While the existing vacancies during recent years have not impaired the progress of our work, there can be situations in which a less than full complement of members could have a significant impact on our fulfilling our responsibilities. Therefore, we 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 of Board members:

Member Name	Meetings Present	Possible Meetings	Attendance %
Cheryl Bader	7	7	100%
Christine Dzujna	5	5	100%
Thomas Hynes	2	2	100%
Allan Lang	8	8	100%
John Morgan	6	7	86%
Myrna Sessa	8	8	100%
Monica Smyth	7	8	88%
Fred Springer	3	8	38%
Michael Thomas	4	8	50%

4. Other Activities

The Board responded to a survey sent by the Subcommittee of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board of the Office of State Ethics.

Two members of the Board attended a FOIA training session, and reported back to the Board about the permitted reasons for entering Executive Session during a meeting.

In March 2019 Attorney Stephen Conover was appointed legal counsel to the Board.

5. Administrative Support

Kris Bottoni, who had served as our administrative assistant, moved on to a new employment position within the City government, and was succeeded by Richard Evans. We thank them both for their support and assistance.

6. Recommendations

While the Board does not have any recommendations at this time, it reserves the right to make recommendations at a later date.