

CITY OF STAMFORD

Board of Ethics
Stamford Government Center
March 27, 2019

Draft Minutes

Present

Cheryl Bader, chair

Christine Dzujna, member

Allan Lang, member

John Morgan, member

Myrna Sessa, member

Monica Smyth, member

Fred Springer, alternate

Michael Thomas, member

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bader at 7:05 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room, 9th Floor. John Hynes, Stamford resident, attended the meeting. He is in the process of being sworn in to the Board.

1. Minutes of February 27, 2019 were accepted, subject to (1.) correcting a few typographical errors and (2.) changing the language in the last sentence of the second paragraph under Section 3 (It will now read: "Mr. Winkel should consult with the Board of Ethics within a time frame to be included in the Advisory Opinion."). Moved by Mr. Morgan, second by Mr. Springer. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Springer abstained from the vote.
2. Discussion regarding draft Jonathan Winkel Advisory Opinion. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether the draft opinion exceeded the scope of the Board's authority under the Code of Ethics. Board members voiced varied opinions about whether the language in an advisory opinion can direct certain action.

After much discussion, Mr. Morgan moved to table further discussion on the draft opinion until each member forwarded individual suggestions to the opinion's author, Ms. Dzujna. The Board will take up further discussion on a newly drafted opinion at its next meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Springer and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ms. Bader mentioned that the Annual Report is due at the end of June. She asked for recommendations from the Board to be included in this report to the Mayor and Board of Representatives.
4. Ms. Bader introduced Steven Conover, an attorney who practices in Stamford.

5. Ms. Bader moved to add a new item to the agenda, specifically the need for a Security Strategy Plan. Mr. Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Morgan moved that the Board enter into Executive Session in order to discuss the Security Strategy Plan. Executive Session is authorized under Section 1.231 of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Statute. Ms. Bader seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Board entered into Executive Session.
7. After the Board came out of Executive Session, Mr. Springer moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Morgan.

Adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Smyth, Secretary