## **CITY OF STAMFORD**

Board of Ethics Stamford Government Center May 15, 2019

## **Draft Minutes**

Present
Alan Lang, chair
Christine Dzujna, member
Myrna Sessa, member
Monica Smyth, member
Michael Thomas, alternate
Thomas Hynes, member

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lang at 7:05 p.m. Also present at the meeting were Richard Evans, Board of Ethics Administrative Assistant and Steven Conover, the Board's attorney.

- 1. The Board ratified Mr. Lang's *de facto* election from the April 17 meeting to be Chair of the Board. Said nomination was made by Ms. Sessa, second by Mr. Hynes, and passed with Mr. Lang abstaining.
- 2. Minutes of March 27, 2019 were accepted, subject to two amendments related to: a typographical error as to Mr. Hynes first name and, an additional sentence in paragraph 6 reflecting that Mr. Hynes left the meeting upon executive session being declared. Approval of minutes moved by Ms. Smyth, second by Mr. Hynes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. April 17, 2019 Minutes were accepted subject to two amendments: 1.) minor grammar edits in Paragraph 4 and 2.) Paragraph 5 was changed to reflect that Mr. Evans left the room. Moved by Mr. Thomas, second by Ms. Dzujna. Motion passed with Ms. Smyth abstaining from the vote.
- 4. Approval of Jonathan Winkel Advisory Opinion. Moved by Mr. Thomas, second by Mr. Hynes and unanimously approved.
- 5. Extension of time for investigation of new complaint received April 9, 2019. Chair Lang explained that he would like an extension until August 9, 2019 for investigation of the complaint. Ms. Smyth moved, second by Ms. Dzujna. It was approved unanimously.
- 6. Annual Advisory Report. The Code of Ethics requires that the Board submit an Annual Report summarizing activities for the year and suggestions for any improvements to the Code. It was decided Mr. Lang would confer with former Chair Bader about the contents since at the March meeting she mentioned she had some suggestions. Mr. Lang to send a draft Report to the Board for concurrence. Report will address the time period between June 13, 2018 and May 15, 2019.

- 7. Board entered into Executive Session at 7:29 regarding Security Strategy. Motion to enter made by Mr. Lang, second by Ms. Smyth, and passed unanimously. Mr. Evans exited the meeting. Board came out of Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.
- 8. Ms. Smyth made a motion to add a new item to the agenda, specifically the resignation of Mr. Thomas. Mr. Lang thanked Mr. Thomas for his service. Mr. Thomas promised to continue to serve until a replacement is found.
- 9. Adjournment moved by Ms. Smyth, second by Mr. Hynes, unanimously passed.

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Smyth, Secretary