

CITY OF STAMFORD
Board of Ethics
Stamford Government Center
December 18, 2019
Minutes

Present

Allan Lang, Chair

Fred Springer, Alternate

Myrna Sessa, member

Monica Smyth, member

Christine Dzujna, member

Thomas Hynes, Member

Kevin Quinn, Alternate

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lang at 7:05 p.m.

1. Subject to a typo, Mr. Hynes made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, second by Ms. Sessa. Motion passed unanimously.
2. A motion to modify the agenda was made by Ms. Smyth to nominate Ms. Dzujna as the new Secretary effective immediately, motion and nomination second by Mr. Springer, passed unanimously.
3. Request for Advisory Opinion submitted by David Kooris was presented in which Mr. Kooris sought guidance from the Board on whether his newly accepted position as President of the Stamford Downtown Special Services District would present a conflict of interest with his role as a member of the City of Stamford Board of Finance. After making inquiries of Mr. Kooris and lengthy discussion, the board agreed that pursuant to section 19-4 of the Code of Ethics, there would be an inherent conflict of interest between these two positions that was unavoidable even if Mr. Kooris were to recuse himself from Board of Finance business or decisions that would directly impact the finances of the Stamford Downtown Special Services District. Mr. Kooris waived his right to a written opinion. Therefore, an oral opinion was provided and is memorialized here.
4. Request for Advisory Opinion submitted by Jonathan Winkel was presented in which Mr. Winkel sought guidance from the Board about a potential conflict of interest. After lengthy discussion, the board agreed to submit a written opinion to Mr. Winkel as requested.
5. There was discussion about scheduling the hearing regarding the A. Figueroa Complaint. It was determined that, before the hearing can be scheduled, a meeting between the Investigating Committee and Counsel needed to first take place and that meeting had to be noticed to the public in advance.
6. There was discussion about the proposed revisions to the Code of Ethics made by the Legislative and Rules Committee of the Board of Representatives. The Board agreed to invite the chair of that committee to the next Board meeting in order to discuss their proposed changes and offer the Board's input.

7. At 8:30 adjournment was moved by Mr. Springer, second by Ms. Sessa, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted.

Christine Dzujna, secretary