

CITY OF STAMFORD
Board of Ethics
Stamford Government Center
August 21, 2019

Minutes

Present

Allan Lang, Chair

Christine Dzujna, member

Myrna Sessa, member

Monica Smyth, member

Thomas Hynes, member

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lang at 7:03 p.m.

1. Chair Lang reported on the resignation of John Morgan. He resigned on August 9, 2019.
2. Election of new secretary. Ms. Dzujna stated that when her schedule frees up in January 2020, she would accept the position. Ms. Smyth will continue until then.
3. Minutes of July 17, 2019 were accepted; motion by Mr. Hynes, second by Ms. Sessa. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Election of a vice chair. Board deferred this election until Board is at full strength.
5. Motion by Ms. Smyth to amend agenda to include recent recommendations by the Investigating Panel (IP) that found Probable Cause of an ethics violation. Ms. Dzujna seconded and motion passed unanimously.
6. Probable Cause of Code violation by Ms. Figuerora. IP read the Probable Cause finding into the record. Respondent and Complainant to be notified as per code. IP submitted for review a Stipulated Agreement to resolve the Probable Cause finding. Draft Stipulated Agreement read into the record. Chair Lang to send to Respondent.
7. Advisory Opinion Request by Rep. Anabel Figueroa. Ms. Smyth moved to approve Advisory Opinion, second by Ms. Sessa. Motion passed with Mr. Lang abstaining.
8. Discussion of Templates. Board deferred until next meeting. Chair Lang promised to distribute copies before next meeting.
9. Revision of Code. Mr. Lang passed out copies of the Norwalk Code of Ethics. A discussion ensued regarding how it compared to Stamford Code.
10. Mr. Lang moved that the Board move into Executive Session regarding Security Strategy. Mr. Hynes seconded and all agreed to the motion. Board went into Executive session at 8:15 p.m.
11. At 8:17 p.m., Ms. Smyth moved to leave Executive Session, second by Mr. Hynes. Motion passed unanimously.
12. At 8:18 adjournment moved by Chair Lang, second by Ms. Sessa, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Smyth, secretary