

# CITY OF STAMFORD

Board of Ethics  
Stamford Government Center  
May 16, 2018

## Minutes

### Present

Cheryl Bader, Chair  
Allan Lang, Member  
John Morgan, Member  
Monica Smyth, Member  
Michael Thomas, Member

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bader at 7:05 p.m. in the Safety Training Room.

1. The minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting were accepted without amendment. Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Lang, unanimously approved, Ms. Bader abstaining.
2. Discussion of whether to publish Board of Ethics advisory opinions. Motion presented to the effect that going forward the Ethics Board shall publish all advisory opinions on the City of Stamford web page, and further to endeavor to obtain and publish all previous opinions held within the Stamford Law Department. Moved by Ms. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Lang, unanimously approved, Mr. Morgan abstained.
3. Discussion regarding whether advisory opinions shall have a precedential value or whether they are published only for informational purposes and whether an appropriate disclaimer should be placed on any published opinion. Moved that all advisory opinions carry the following disclaimer: "all advisory opinions are published for informational purposes only and not for precedential value." Moved by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Ms. Smyth, passed unanimously.
4. Discussion of the proposed contents of annual report including any proposed revisions to the Code of Ethics. Discussion regarding a comparison of City of Stamford Code of Ethics with Virginia Bar Association Code. No motion made.
5. Adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Moved Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Lang, passed unanimously.