

City of Stamford Board of Ethics
Public Meeting
Stamford Government Center
May 28, 2014
Minutes

APPROVED
6-18-14

Present:

Cheryl Bader, Chair
Allan Lang, Member
Daniel Sanchez, Member
Michael Thomas, Member
Adam Vandervoort, Member
Kathryn Emmett, Director of Legal Affairs and Corporation Counsel, City of Stamford
Hon. Mary Fedeli, Board of Representatives
Hon. Randall Skigen, Board of Representatives

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Bader at 7:05 p.m.

1. New Member

Ms. Bader introduced Mr. Michael Thomas as a new Board of Ethics (BOE) member.

2. Board of Reps. Discussion

BOE members were given the opportunity to address questions to Representatives Skigen and Fedeli regarding their views of: (i) the extent of the BOE's authority to interpret provisions of the Code of Ethics; (ii) whether the Board of Representatives would welcome suggestions for amendment/ clarification of the Code from the BOE; and (iii) if so, whether such suggestions should be included in the BOE's annual report or submitted under separate cover.

Representative Skigen indicated that the Board of Representatives would welcome requests for amendment/ clarification of the Code from the BOE and that, where appropriate, the BOE should feel free to suggest specific language for amendment. Representative Skigen stated a preference that, rather than delay the BOE's annual report in order to include such requests, the BOE's annual report reference that a communication containing requests for amendment or clarification of the Code under separate cover would subsequently be submitted by the BOE.

Representatives Skigen and Fedeli departed the meeting.

3. Discussion with Corporation Counsel

BOE members and Ms. Emmett discussed the proper application of Code Section 19-9 (Prohibited Gifts), specifically the definition of certain terms in Section 19-9(B)(3).

4. Advisory Opinion for Representative Joseph Coppola.

Mr. Vandervoort collected comments from the BOE on the draft advisory opinion for Representative Joseph Coppola. As this item was not included on the BOE's agenda with sufficient notice, the final opinion will be presented for approval at the BOE's next meeting.

5. Approval of Prior Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the BOE unanimously approved as distributed the minutes of the BOE's May 19, 2014 meeting.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Vandervoort, Acting Secretary