

CITY OF STAMFORD
Board of Ethics
Stamford Government Center

January 17, 2024

DRAFT Minutes

Hybrid Meeting: In-person & Zoom Meeting
Location: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th FL
Government Center
888 Washington, Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06901

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Present Members:

Fred Springer, Chair (*In-Person*)
Monica Smyth, Member (*Remote*)
Christine Dzujna, Member (*Remote*)
Benjamin Folkinshteyn, Member (*In-Person*)
Dennis Torres, Member (*Remote*)
Kevin Quinn, Alternate (*Remote*)
Ira Stechel, Member (*In-Person*)

Other:

Stephen Conover, Counsel (*Remote*)
Kimberly Hawreluk, Human Resources & Benefits Assistant (*In-Person*)
Various members of the public

The meeting was called to order by Chair Springer at 7:04 p.m.

1. Chair Springer presented the December 20, 2023, Board of Ethics (“BOE”) Meeting Draft Minutes for review and approval. Mr. Folkinshteyn moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Smyth seconded, all others in favor. The motion passed.
2. Chair Springer introduced the draft advisory opinion prepared for Chanta Graham with regard to her request for an opinion in connection with potential conflicts of interest that could arise between her role as Deputy Town Clerk and as a newly appointed member of the Board of Representatives. Subject to minor suggested typographical modifications, as well as Mr. Conover’s suggestion to add certain disclaimer language about the scope of the Board’s authority, Mr. Folkinshteyn moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Smyth seconded, all others in favor. The motion passed.

3. Chair Springer announced that the BOE's annual report is due in June. He has asked Ms. Hawreluk to distribute last year's report to the BOE members for review so that we can discuss in our next meeting and have sufficient time to prepare a rich and substantive report. Mr. Conover suggested that the BOE consult Code of Ethics section 19-14 E (2) for guidance on the types of data generally included in the report.

Mr. Folkinshteyn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m., Mr. Stechel seconded, all others in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Dzujna, Secretary

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