

**CITY OF STAMFORD**  
Board of Ethics  
Stamford Government Center

May 15, 2024

***DRAFT Minutes***

**Hybrid Meeting:** In-person & Zoom Meeting  
**Location:** \*Human Resources Conference Room – 9<sup>th</sup> FL  
Location Change\* Government Center  
888 Washington, Boulevard  
Stamford, CT 06901

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**Present Members:**

Fred Springer, Chair (***Remote***)  
Christine Dzujna, Member (***Remote***)  
Benjamin Folkinshteyn, Member (***Remote***)  
Dennis Torres, Member (***Remote***)  
Laura Indellicati, Member (***Remote***)  
Ira Stechel, Member (***In-Person***)  
Vito Quivelli, Member (***Remote***)  
Kevin Quinn, Alternate (***In-Person***)  
Janibell Comerford, Alternate (***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 7:05 p.m.

1. Chair Springer presented the April 17, 2024, Board of Ethics (“BOE”) Meeting Draft Minutes for review and approval. Subject to a clarification suggested by Ms. Dzujna to item #2 of the minutes, Mr. Folkinshteyn moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Quinn seconded, all others in favor. The motion passed.

2. Chair Springer introduced the Advisory Opinion prepared for Sharona Cowan and asked Mr. Torres, who prepared the opinion with Ms. Smyth's assistance, to walk the BOE through the draft. Subject to a clarification edit suggested by Ms. Indellicati, Mr. Torres moved to approve the Advisory Opinion, Ms. Dzujna seconded, Mr. Quivelli abstained, all others in favor. The motion passed.
3. Chair Springer reminded the BOE members that its annual report is due in June. After discussion and review of the draft report, Mr. Folkinshteyn moved to approve the draft subject to the addition of a proposed Code of Ethics revision he will submit regarding the edition of a definition of "official action;" and a proposed Code revision Ms. Indellicati will submit clarifying the definition of "private interests." Mr. Quinn seconded the motion, all others in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Quivelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m., Ms. Comerford seconded, all others in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Dzujna, Secretary