

CITY OF STAMFORD  
Board of Ethics

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ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to  
Section 19-14 E(2) of  
The Stamford Municipal Code of Ethics

June 17, 2020

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This Annual Report has been prepared by the Board of Ethics of the City of Stamford (the "Board"), and is delivered to the Mayor and the President of the Board of Representatives pursuant to Section 19-14 E(2) of the Stamford Municipal Code of Ethics (the "Code"). It is for the period beginning June 28, 2019 (the date of the Board's last Annual Report) and ending May 31, 2020 (the "Report Period").

The Board engaged in the following activities during the Report Period:

1. Advisory Opinions

During the Report Period the Board received six requests for and issued five Advisory Opinions. The response to one request is pending the receipt of additional information from the party seeking the Opinion. The requests mostly involved questions of conflict of interest.

2. Formal Complaints

During the Report Period there were two Ethics Complaints received and investigated. One Complaint was dismissed upon a finding of no probable cause. The other Complaint, where probable cause was found, was resolved by a stipulated agreement being reached between the Board of Ethics and the respondent at a Public Hearing.

3. Board Members

The Board welcomed Kevin Quinn as an Alternate as of October 23, 2019. Member John Morgan resigned from the Board in August 2019. The Code calls for a body of seven members and two

alternates. Functionally, as has been the practice in past years, alternate Board members are “considered working members of the Board” pursuant to Code Sec. 19-14 (A)(6) and participated in all meetings. During this Report Period the Board continued to operate at less than full strength, with two vacancies existing. While the existing vacancies have not impaired the progress of our work, there can be situations in which a less than full complement of members could have a significant impact on our fulfilling our responsibilities. Therefore, we ask that the process move forward as quickly as possible to find replacements when vacancies exist.

In a previous year the Board voted to report the attendance record of each Board member in the Board’s Annual Report. The following is the attendance of Board members for this reporting period:

Member Name	Meetings Present	Possible Meetings	Attendance %
Christine Dzujna	4	7	57%
Thomas Hynes	7	7	100%
Allan Lang	6	7	86%
Kevin Quinn	5	5	100%
Myrna Sessa	7	7	100%
Monica Smyth	7	7	100%
Fred Springer	4	7	57%

#### 4 . Other Activities

Although the position is not required by the Code, the members agreed that having a designated officer to preside in the absence of the Chair is a good idea. Thomas Hynes was elected Vice Chair at the October 23, 2019 meeting.

#### 5. Administrative Support

Richard Evans, who had been serving as our administrative assistant moved on to another position. Kimberly Hawreluk became our administrative assistant during the year and did valuable research tracking down previously issued Advisory Opinions and coordinating with the City and Town Clerk to update our website, and provide us with administrative guidelines. We thank them both for their support.

#### 6. Recommendations

The Board will be responding to a request from the Board of Representatives for suggestions to Improve the Code.