

CITY OF STAMFORD

Board of Ethics
Stamford Government Center
February 1, 2016

Present:

Cheryl Bader, chair
Allan Lang, member
Monica Smyth, member
Fred Springer, alternate
Michael Thomas, alternate
Adam Vandervoort, member

Hon. Matthew Quinones, Board of
Representatives Hon. Jonathan Hoch, Board of
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The meeting was called to order by Chair Bader at 7:16 p.m.

1. Advisory Opinion Request of Rep. Matthew Quinones

Chair Bader reviewed the request which had been presented by Rep. Quinones at the Board's December 7, 2015 meeting, and then summarized the Board members' discussion which had followed that presentation. Rep. Quinones was invited to elaborate and answer questions from the Board.

The Board then reviewed a draft Advisory Opinion written in response to Rep. Quinones request. Several minor modifications were offered.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the BOE members voted unanimously to approve, subject to said modifications, the Advisory Opinion. Board member Fred Springer abstained from discussion and voting on this matter.

2. Advisory Opinion Request of Rep. Jonathan Hoch.

BOE members discussed the request and addressed questions to Rep. Hoch. Chair Bader agreed to draft an Advisory Opinion consistent with the Board's discussion, to be presented for adoption at the Board's next meeting.

3. Discussion

Following discussion on whether the Board should be more proactive in educating elected officials about adherence to the Code of Ethics, Chair Bader suggested that the Board ask the Human Resources Department to inform us as to what training on compliance with the Code is being provided to our elected officials. Monica Smyth suggested that we disseminate more widely advisory opinions to other government officials. We discussed meeting with the Board of Reps president to discuss ways to create greater dialogue with other government officials.

Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Lano Acting Secretary