

City of Stamford Board of Ethics
Public Meeting
Stamford Government Center
January 30, 2014
Draft Minutes

Present:

Cheryl Bader, chair
Clarence Grebey III, secretary
Allan Lang, member
John Martelli, member
Daniel Sanchez, member
Sarah Summons, alternate member
Hon. James Caterbone, Board of Representatives

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Grebey Bader at 7:35pm.

1. Advisory Opinion for Hon. James Caterbone

Representative Caterbone appeared before the board seeking an advisory opinion regarding any potential conflict of interest arising from his position as chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee and his role as the part president and current board membership of the Springdale Little League. A discussion among the panel ensued and it was agreed that Representative Caterbone does not need to resign his position with the Little League organization, and would only need to recuse himself as committee chairman in specific instances of divided loyalty. Moreover, the panel noted that the representative's work with Little League constitutes the type of civic engagement that should be encouraged.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote finding that no conflict of interest existed. It was agreed that the board will circulate a draft advisory opinion for review prior to sending it to Rep. Caterbone.

2. Approval of November 14, 2013 Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote to defer consideration of the minutes of the prior meeting in order to give board members an opportunity to review them.

3. New Business

Chairman Bader briefed the panel on new and proposed ordinance changes regarding the composition of the Board of Ethics. It was noted that there are two vacancies – one member and one alternate member – under the current city ordinance. Draft legislation before the Rules Committee would increase the number of members on the panel, as voted by two-thirds of voters in the recent Charter Revision recommendation.

The motion was made, seconded, and carried, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Clarence Grebey III, Secretary