



City of Stamford
Board of Ethics
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City of Stamford Board of Ethics
Public Meeting
Stamford Government Center
24 July 2014
DRAFT Minutes

Present:

Cheryl Bader, chair
Clarence Grebey III, secretary
Daniel Sanchez, member
Adam Vandervoort, member
Al Barbarotta, Independent Contractor, Board of Education
Steve Falcone, Director of Human Resources, Board of Education
Amy J. Livols, Law Department, City of Stamford

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bader at 7:10 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes of July 7, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

2. Advisory Opinion for Richard Lyons II

The panel continued deliberation on an advisory opinion request by Mr. Lyons regarding a potential conflict of interest under Section 19-13 (A) (B) of the City Code of Ethics. Mr. Barbaratta, CEO of AFB Construction and Mr. Steve Falcone, director of human resources for the Board of Education appeared before the panel to discuss Mr. Lyons' request.

Discussion ensued and the Board voted unanimously to issue an opinion that Mr. Lyons is not barred from potential employment as an independent project manager with a firm under contract with the Board of Education. It is the opinion of the Board that Mr. Lyons would be barred for one year from appearing before the Board of Education as a representative of his potential new employer.

A motion to approve the Advisory Opinion minutes was made, seconded, and carried unanimously. Several Board members, however, expressed reservations in making its determination.

Mr. Lyons will be notified of the Board's Opinion and a draft written opinion is to be prepared, which after consideration and approval by the full Board, will be sent to Mr. Lyons. A copy of the final opinion will also be filed with the Town & City Clerk.

3. New Business

- The Board continued discussion on its Annual Report to the City and the guidance it plans to present to the Board of Representatives and Corporation Counsel. Specifically,
 - A recommendation was made that no amendment should be made to clarify the definitions of "interests" and "benefits" in Sections 19-4 and 19-5 of the City's Code of Ethics.
 - An updated request for guidance concerning Exception 3 to code Section 19-9 was presented to the Board for review and further discussion.
 - A recommendation was made to ask that the Board of Representatives include language regarding "legislative intent" in any future ordinances to amend the Code of Ethics.
 - No recommendation will be made in its guidance document to further define "probable cause" in the Board of Ethics Charter
 - Furtherance of discussion is required regarding the definition of quasi-governmental organizations as it pertains to Sections 19-9 and 19-11 of the City's Code of Ethics

The motion was made, seconded, and carried, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clarence Grebey III, Secretary