

## City of Rochester Board of Ethics – January 8, 2019

### MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm in Council Chambers by Board Chair Carl Steinbrenner.

#### **Members present:**

Scott Ginett  
Mia Hodgins  
Naimah Sierra  
Hon. Loretta Scott  
Carl Steinbrenner  
Timothy Weir

#### **Members not present:**

Calvin Lee

#### **Non-Members Present:**

Tim Curtin, Corporation Counsel  
Darien Lamon

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Approval of Minutes for the November 13, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **Pending Business:**

- Chair Steinbrenner offered for review and discussion proposed advisory opinion 2018-6. The Chair noted that per board rules at least four board members must agree for approval and the matter was decided by 3-1 vote. He therefore made a motion this matter be considered by the Board de novo at the next meeting. The Board unanimously agreed on the Chair's recommendation.
- Chair Steinbrenner offered for review, discussion and approval proposed advisory opinion 2018-8 which was unanimously approved by the board members participating in the decision.
- Chair Steinbrenner offered for review, discussion and approval proposed advisory opinion 2018-9. The board members participating in the decision unanimously approved the Opinion with agreed upon changes to the draft. Secretary Weir will make the changes and distribute the final draft via email for confirmation prior to filing.

- The Board reviewed and discussed C18-8 involving landscaping work performed at the offices of WDKX-FM and Monroe Broadcasting. Secretary Weir summarized the complaint and supporting documentation and the Board unanimously agreed that no violation of the ethics code occurred. An advisory opinion will be drafted and made available for review by the Board.
- Chair Steinbrenner offered for review and discussion proposed Parliamentary Rules drafted by Corporation Counsel. The Board agreed on edits to the draft and a revised draft will be made available for review.

**New Business:**

- Chair Steinbrenner offered for review and discussion C18-9, a supplemental complaint relating to C18-3. Secretary Weir summarized the issues raised in the complaint and the Board unanimously denied C18-9 as a formal ethics complaint and viewed it as commentary on the Board's investigatory powers and process. The points made in the complaint will be taken under advisement by the Board.

**Adjournment:**

- The Chair's motion to adjourn at 7:50pm was unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting:**      **February 5, 2019; 6:30 pm**  
                             **Rochester City Hall**  
                             **30 Church Street, Council Chambers**