

City of Rochester Board of Ethics – September 11, 2018

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:43pm in Room 309A by Board Chair Carl Steinbrenner.

Members present:

Scott Ginett
Hon. Loretta Scott
Carl Steinbrenner
Calvin Lee
Naimah Sierra
Timothy Weir

Members not present:

Mia Hodgins

Non-Members Present:

Tim Curtin, Corporation Counsel
Larry Champoux
Ted Wright
Silvano Orsi
Chris Barilla
Darien Lamien
Lee Sangbusch
Cindy Cahill
Andrew Seagar
Tom Pastecki
Salena Boyed
Deborah Smith
Frank DiAmbrosia
Angelina Castro
Gloria Pleger
Bill Wishmeyer
Vic Simenetti
Bijangar Khadka
John Lippa
Relltommiel Parker

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of Minutes for the April 10, 2018 and August 14, 2018 were unanimously approved.

Pending Business:

- Chair Steinbrenner reviewed C17-3, C17-4, C18-1 and C18-2 noting the applicable ethics code provisions, relevant facts, and issues raised in each complaint. The Board unanimously determined that no ethics code violations occurred with respect to these complaints.

The Board unanimously agreed that an advisory opinion addressing the issues raised in these complaints would be prepared.

The Chair reviewed C18-6 and the Board unanimously agreed that more information will be needed to evaluate the allegations set forth in the complaint. Additional information will be gathered and provided to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board continued its discussion regarding C18-3 and Mr. Champoux provided brief remarks summarizing the main issues in the complaint.

The discussion focused on whether Chair Tilton's husband, Sam Tilton, held an economic interest in the Gabels variance application at the time it was presented to the ZAB. The Board requested more information relating to the professional relationship between Sam Tilton, the Gabels, and former Highland Heights Corporation (HHC) Board President Dan Singal. Corporation Counsel Curtain agreed to provide more details at the next board meeting.

- Prior to discussing C18-4, the Chair requested that Secretary Weir recuse himself from the proceedings at which time he exited the meeting room.

After Secretary Weir's departure, the Chair continued the meeting and Mr. Wright presented the basis for his complaint to the Board. The Board unanimously agreed that Mr. Wright's allegations were not within the purview of Ethics Committee and suggested that the City's Human Resource Department would be the proper forum for Mr. Wright to pursue his complaint.

New Business:

- After returning to the meeting room, Secretary Weir provided an update on the Financial Disclosure Statements and advised the required forms have been amended pursuant to new legislation passed by City Council on August 21, 2018. The amended forms have been provided to all required filers and must be submitted by the deadline, September 12, 2018.
- The Chair and Corporation Counsel Curtain discussed proposed parliamentary rules drafted to clarify the protocol for public input during board meetings. The Chair requested each member review the draft and provide input to be discussed at the next board meeting.
- The Chair provided a brief overview of C18-5 submitted by Mr. Silvano Orsi on behalf of the Little Italy Neighborhood Association (LINA). Mr. Orsi addressed the Board and

