

City of Rochester Board of Ethics – May 5, 2020

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Board Chair Carl Steinbrenner. This meeting was held via video conference due to the Mayor's State of Emergency Order of March 15, 2020 which suspends all in-person Board and Commission meetings until further notice.

Members present:

Kevin Graham
Mia Hodgins
James Patterson
Hon. Loretta Scott
Carl Steinbrenner
Timothy Weir

Members not present:

Naimah Sierra

Non-Members Present:

Tim Curtin, Corporation Counsel

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes for the October 8, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by those members who were present at the October meeting.

Pending Business: None

New Business:

- Chair Steinbrenner welcomed new members Kevin Graham and James Patterson to the Board.
- The Board reviewed Complaint 20-1 involving the Mayor's letter to retired City employees in support of the United Way. Secretary Weir provided a summary of Complaint 20-1 and noted that the complaint questioned whether it was a violation of the Code of Ethics to use City funds for mailings in support of one specific non-profit

organization. The Board agreed unanimously to accept the complaint for consideration and further discussion at the Board's next meeting

- The Board reviewed Complaint 20-2, an anonymous letter sent to the Chair regarding allegations of non-compliance with the City's employee residency policy. Secretary Weir provided a summary of Complaint 20-2 and confirmed that, according to the City's Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) records, the individuals cited in the complaint were either in compliance with the City's residency policy or the policy did not apply to them. The Board voted 5-1 (Patterson dissenting) to not accept the complaint noting that no specific violations of the Code of Ethics were specified nor appeared applicable to the matters complained of.

Adjournment:

- The Chair's motion to adjourn at 7:55pm was unanimously approved.

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 9, 2020; 6:30pm
Via Video Conference

Approved