

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF ETHICS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE:** Michael Church, Chair; Miklos Koleszar, Kara Murphy,  
Haroldo William

**OTHERS:** Atty. Brian Candela, Corporation Counsel's Office

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Church called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Church called the roll. A quorum was present.

**NEW INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions necessary.

**PUBIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no one from the public present.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**• October 24, 2019**

Mr. Koleszar noted for the record that the minutes were very thorough.

**\*\* MS. MURPHY MOVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2019.**

**\*\* MR. KOLESZAR SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2019 AS  
SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**• January 25, 2020**

There was no quorum for the January 23, 2020 meeting. The Board Members reviewed the documentation from that meeting and agreed to accept it as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Atty. Candela said that Ms. Shanahan, the Ordinance Chair, had a number of comments about the proposed changes to the Code of Ethics. Ms. Murphy said that she had been working on the document and notice a problem with the numbering. Atty. Candela said that Ms. Shanahan had also indicated that the numbering was incorrect. Ms. Murphy then reviewed with everyone the items where the numeration had been corrected.

The discussion moved to Ms. Shanahan's suggestion on page 9 regarding combining the section on Finding a Probably Cause and the section on Finding of No Probable Cause.

The Board Members then reviewed to the section on Rule of Procedure. Atty. Candela said that Ms. Shanahan had asked for clarification on the types of standards that the Board would be using in a hearing. Discussion followed.

Ms. Murphy explained that it would be important to explain to the current Ordinance Committee that the proposed changes are being made to an existing document that was approved by a previous Board of Ethics. Atty. Candela pointed out that the hearing would resemble an informal trial, a bench trial or arbitration. Discussion followed.

The Extension of Time was the next item the Board Members considered. Discussion followed on the rewording of the existing language in order to clarify and simplify it.

**\*\* MS. MURPHY MOVED TO AMEND SECTION 32-12 ALONG WITH THE GRAMMATICAL REVISIONS AS DISCUSSED BY THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* MR. KOLESZAR SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

There was no need for an Executive Session at this time.

The next Ordinance Meeting is scheduled for March 17th.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. KOLESZAR MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MS. MURPHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

City of Norwalk  
Board of Ethics  
Regular Meeting  
February 27, 2020