

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF ETHICS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2021  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Church, Chair; Miklos Koleszar; Tony Lopez;  
Kara Murphy; Haroldo Williams; Nora Niedzielski-Eichner;  
Lori Torrano

STAFF: Brian Candela, Corporation Counsel

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Church called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and called the Roll as indicated above.

**NEW INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Church wished all a happy and healthy 2021 and thanked the Board members for all they did in 2020. He also thanked them for their patience and diligence over the last few years as they worked on the Code of Ethics. Mr. Church said it looks like they achieved that goal.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public wished to participate this evening.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

October 22, 2020

The following correction was made to the minutes:

Correct the spelling of Mr. William's name.

- \*\* MR. WILLIAMS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
- \*\* MR. KOLESZAR SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (MR. KOLESZAR AND MS. TORRANO**

## OLD BUSINESS

### Provide Update on the Code of Ethics

Mr. Candela reported that after a lot of work all of the sections of the ordinance have been approved by the Common Council. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

### Discuss and Vote on Potential Changes to the Citizen's Guide to Norwalk's Code of Ethics

Mr. Candela said the hope is to finalize and vote on the changes and updates to the Citizen's Guide. He said it is difficult to find on the website and the best course of action will be to provide a link on the Board of Ethics page. He said it was a lot of work and took many years to complete.

Mr. Church, on behalf of the Board, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Candela for his guidance and patience as they worked on this Guide. The other Board members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Candela. Ms. Murphy said that in speaking Doug Hempstead, a former Common Council member, he expressed his appreciation for all the work done on this Guide. Mr. Church expressed his thanks to Mr. Hempstead for his work during his time on the Common Council.

Mr. Church said that the next step is to educate the public on the Code. He said that the purpose of this evening's meeting is to discuss the Guide and then at the February meeting discuss how to get the word out to the public.

The Board members held a discussion about and made revisions to Section 2-1 – Conflict of Interest. A suggestion was made to add language explaining that the Guide does not supersede the Ordinance.

Ms. Murphy offered some edits to simplify the Conflict of Interest statement.

The Board members discussed the Gift section of the Guide. Ms. Torrano asked if it would be possible to send a physical copy by mail to those members who wished to receive it that way.

The Board members reviewed Ms. Murphy's suggestions.

- \*\* **MS. TORRANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST SECTION AS PRESENTED**
- \*\* **MR. WILLIAMS SECONDED**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Church suggested that the Board members keep in mind that this is not a change to the language in the Code, but the Guide is a way to make it easier for the residents to read.

Mr. Candela said he will be in the office this weekend and will have the physical copies mailed to whoever wishes to receive it that way.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed this evening.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board did not go into Executive Session this evening.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. TORRANO MOVED TO ADJOURN**  
**\*\* MS. NIEDZIELSKI EICHNER SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services