

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ETHICS
MARCH 25, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Attorney William Fitzgerald, Chairman;
Reverend Raymond Dancy, Jim DelGreco, Elizabeth
Broncati.

STAFF: Attorney Robert Maslan, Corporation Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that the members as listed above were in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

** MR. DELGRECO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
FROM THE NOVEMBER 19, 2009 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business

Atty. Fitzgerald announced that Alice Allen has decided not to be re-appointed to her term on the Board, and welcomed Reverend Dancy as a new member, and stated that his appointment was approved at last week's Common Council meeting. Atty. Maslan provided an outline of the role of the Board of Ethics as a background overview for Reverend Dancy and referred to the introduction section of the Citizen's Guide. He then referred to the confidentiality elements of the complaint process as outlined on page 6 of the guide and explained that it was a two step process of investigation and probable cause.

Atty. Fitzgerald stated that with the replacement of Reverend Dancy, the Board is still one member short. He then asked Atty. Maslan to provide an explanation of the political affiliation designations for composition of the Hearing Board, and he referred to page 2 of the City of Norwalk Code of Ethics. After much discussion, Atty. Maslan stated that the current composition of the Board is within the guidelines of majority party affiliation, and any new candidates for replacement appointment should be unaffiliated.

Rev. Dancy asked how the issue of probable cause is addressed in the guide, and Atty. Maslan responded that clear and convincing evidence can be debated at length without a clear legal definition; and he suggested it can be discussed as a legal standard as it comes up.

New Business

Atty. Maslan provided copies of article in the news from The Advocate that questions if the City of Stamford is an ethical city or one that ignores its ethics code. He stated that the fact that this is another example of municipal ethics issues that this Board should be prepared to answer with policies and procedures.

Atty. Fitzgerald stated that the next meeting would be April 22, 2010 at 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MS. ALLEN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.
- ** MR. DELGRECO SECONDED
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services