

**CITY OF NORWALK
BOARD OF ETHICS
APRIL 25, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Church, Chair; Miklos Koleszar; Kara Murphy; Kelly Straniti;
Nora Niedzelski-Eichner (7:27 p.m.)

STAFF: Brian Candela, Corporation Counsel's Office

ROLL CALL

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

NEW INTRODUCTION

There were no new members to introduce this evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present this evening.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

March 28, 2019

** MS. MURPHY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
** MR. KOLESZAR SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Review Code of Ethics and the Citizen's Guide to Norwalk's Code of Ethics and Discuss
Potential Changes to Both

Mr. Church reported that after discussions between the Board of Ethics and the Ordinance Committee they voted to move three sections of Code of Ethics to a public hearing: Review of Complaint, Appointment of Investigating Panel and Investigation of Probable Cause. If these sections are approved by the Ordinance Committee, they will be moved to the full Common Council for approval.

Mr. Koleszar expressed concern about moving only three sections. Mr. Church explained that the Ordinance Committee asked for these three specific sections. If they try to do the entire Code at once, it could take two – three more years. He said it has taken 13 months to get to this point.

Mr. Candela said that he wanted to show the Ordinance Committee all of the changes made by the Board of Ethics when he met with them in December. He added that if the Ordinance Committee wants to address a few sections at a time, he can provide them with original, red line and then clean copies.

Ms. Murphy asked Mr. Candela if non substantive changes have to go to a public hearing. He told her that the changes would have to go to a public hearing.

Ms. Nora Niedzelski-Eichner joined the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

The Board members reviewed the red lined copy of the Citizen's Guide to Norwalk's Code of Ethics and made recommendations. It was noted that there were many typographical errors due to the PDF conversion to Word. Mr. Candela was asked to include page numbers. Mr. Church offered work on the format and to have the document typed. Ms. Murphy said she will work on the chart included in the Guide.

Mr. Candela will ask the IT Department to add the hyperlink for the current Citizen's Guide to Norwalk's Code of Ethics to the City's website.

Mr. Candela will make the recommended changes as well as to the complaint form and forward it to the Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not go into Executive Session this evening.

The next meeting will take place on May 23, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. KOLESZAR MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MS. NIEDZELSKI-EICHNER SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services

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