



City of Kingston Board of Ethics Meeting Minutes
July 29, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

Board Members present were Allen Nace, Jackie DeCicco, Mike Decker and Dana Blackmon

Public attendance: Ellen DiFalco, Clark Richters, William Kemble and additional callers

The meeting was called to order by Allen Nace at 5:05pm on July 29, 2020.

Motion was made by Mike Decker to accept the meeting minutes as is and seconded by Dana Blackmon. All were in favor of accepting the minutes.

Old business:

Complaint # 20192020-2 – still being reviewed. The Board wishes to seek outside counsel for legal guidance in the above mentioned complaints. Letter was submitted to Corporation Counsel to determine if a conflict of interest exists with that office. Corporation Counsel responded that there is a conflict of interest in that the complaint is against an employee they represent. Corporation Counsel has reached out to another municipality to arrange a shared service agreement. We are waiting to hear the outcome of that otherwise the Board will seek outside counsel and request the funding from the Common Council.

Allen Nace also notified the Department of State to find out if they could offer any assistance due to the nature of the complaint. Their website indicates they may be able to help. He has not heard back from them at the time of the meeting.

Mike Decker made a motion to table the complaint until such time we have legal counsel to assist. Dana Blackmon seconded the motion and all were in agreement.

Once we have legal counsel we will schedule a meeting as soon as possible regarding complaint #2192020-2.

Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed by Jackie DeCicco and Allen Nace. Letters to the 8 remaining Board/Commission members who have not turned in their 2020 Financial Disclosure Statements were sent out with a 30 day deadline to turn them in.

New Business:

The Board continues investigating complaint #20192020-2 which requires the Board to go into executive session due to the nature of the complaints involving personnel matters.

Executive Session:

Upon motion by Jackie DeCicco, seconded by Dana Blackmon, The Board convened in Executive Session to discuss the personnel matters revolving around ethics complaint # 20192020-2. No further discussion was held, the motion carried unanimously and the the Board members entered into Executive Session at 5:23pm.

Upon motion by Dana Blackmon, seconded by Jackie DeCicco, the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board reconvened in public at 7:26pm.

The Board intends to hold their next meeting as soon as they hear back from the City of Poughkeepsie regarding shared services between the City of Kingston Corporation Counsel and the City of Poughkeepsie.

Motion was made by Jackie DeCicco to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mike Decker. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie DeCicco
Secretary