



MINUTES OF THE ETHICS BOARD

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018, 5:30 PM
CITY HALL, ROOM 207**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

Present: Bill Galvin, Patty Kiewiz, William VandeCastle, Yia Thao, Excused: Mark Olsen, Cordero Barkley

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Moved by Alderperson Bill Galvin, seconded by Transit Director Patty Kiewiz to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APRIL 30, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Moved by Board Member William VandeCastle, seconded by Alderperson Bill Galvin to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

D. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.

Moved by Alderperson Bill Galvin, seconded by Transit Director Patty Kiewiz to elect William Vande Castle as Board Chair. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderperson Bill Galvin , seconded by Yia Thao to elect Mark Olsen as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

E. REVIEW OF ETHICS CODE RESPONSIBILITIES.

William Vande Castle stated at a later date the Board will have an overview of the City's Code of Ethics.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Alderperson Bill Galvin, seconded by Transit Director Patty Kiewiz to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Teske, City Clerk

Verbatim Minutes

- Is there somebody sitting here?
- Patty.
- Oh, okay.
- Thank you for being our IT specialist, too.
- Yeah. I must have passed last time.
- Yeah, it popped up.
- Yeah.
- All right, it is Thursday, June 14, 2018. It's a little after 5:30. We're here for the City of Green Bay ethics board meeting scheduled for 5:30 this evening. For the first item on the agenda, we have call to order and roll call. So you called to order. Let's do the roll call, and we'll start on this end and work our way around.
- Yia Thao.
- Patty Kiewiz.
- Bill VandeCastle.
- Bill Galvin.
- All right. Is there a motion to approve the agenda?
- Motion to approve.
- Second.
- We have a motion and a second. Any questions? Any additions or corrections? Otherwise all in favor of approval of the agenda, signify by saying "Aye."
- [Board Members] Aye.
- Any opposed? Motion carries. Item C, consideration of approval of the April 30, 2018 ethics board meeting minutes. Those were in your packets. Is there any questions? Otherwise, I'll make the motion to approve. Is there a second?
- Second.
- We have a motion. We have a second. Any further questions, considerations, comments? Hearing none, all in favor, signify by saying "Aye."
- [Board Members] Aye.
- Any opposed? Motion carries. Item D, election of board chair and vice-chair. We've been doing this annually now for the last number of years. Usually it's at the June meeting, which would be essentially our first meeting

after the new council takes their chairs. And again also, that's when some of the members are appointed to the board, so we've scheduled these for June of every year, so we have that up for today. We have election for a board chair and a vice-chair. What are your thoughts?

- I think Bill VandeCastle should continue as the chair.

- I'll second that one.

- Three.

- Being a short quorum here.

- I also second. Two seconds.

- Two seconds, all right. So just for a second, I believe Mark Olsen is the vice-chair, so we'll deal with that. We'll deal with board chair first, so there's a motion for and two seconds for appointment of myself to continue as the board chair. Any further discussion, questions? All right, hearing none, all in favor signify by saying, "Aye."

- [Board Members] Aye.

- Any opposed? My wife. Motion carries. Well, she doesn't have a vote here. All right, vice-chair I will move, or open the floor to appointment of a vice-chair. Any thoughts or suggestions?

- I think Mark Olsen is the admirable job.

- I think so.

- And be happy to have him continue in that role.

- That's what I was gonna say.

- I'd say, yeah.

- That's what happens when you don't come.

- Yeah, so we have a motion and two seconds for Mark Olsen to be the vice-chair. Any further questions or discussion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying, "Aye."

- [Board Members] Aye.

- Any opposed? Motion carries. Next item on the agenda. I put this on here, I've talked to Vanessa about this a couple times, but I just wanted to bring this up. Our focus here has been the code of conduct, but we also have a responsibility for the ethics code which is in the municipal code for the city. That code's based on a state code, but there are some differences. So I'm starting that process now. I'm not gonna spend time doing it tonight, but just at a future meeting, we will be dealing with just kind of an overview of what the responsibilities are for the code of ethics for the city. Which, by the way, applies to all of us. It applies to council members, obviously, but it also applies to us as appointed officials. We're responsible for compliance with that as well. So it's appropriate that at some point here in a coming meeting, we have some discussion of what our responsibilities are under the code of ethics ourselves, and then what our role is on this board to oversee that and to hear and decide and deal with code responsibilities. I was looking this up the other day. One of the differences, interesting, is that under the city's code, only appointed officials, elected officials, and

employees of the city can seek an opinion from the ethics board for some ethics issue. Under the state code, anybody can. So a citizen could say, could raise a question, "Why can somebody invest in this property?" Or "Why can they buy a piece of property from the city for a dollar?" or whatever. So a citizen, on the state side, could bring that to the ethics board. Yeah, and even though it appears from an ethics opinion issued by the state some years ago, it appears that even though it's not in the city's code, unless I missed it, which might be the case, under the state code, it appears that they could still come to this board with a question. So--

- You're thinking about updating the ethics code then?

- That's up to you guys. But it's something for us to review at a coming meeting. So that's why it's on there, to start that process so it'll come up at our next meeting.

- So maybe you'll propose some change or some--

- What I would like to do or get in the habit of doing is when, usually we meet in June, late May or early June, for these position elections. What I'd like to do is have, in the future when we get into this a little bit, have Vanessa's office sort of give us an annual update as to the state ethics board only issues a couple of opinions every year, like two, three, or four. So it's not like there's 30 cases coming down every year. So it'd be nice to get an update on that just--

- See what's trending.

- Yes.

- That's a good idea.

- All right. So we are ripe for adjournment.

- Motion to adjourn.

- Second.

- We have a motion to adjourn. We have a second. All in favor signify by saying, "Aye."

- [Board Members] Aye.

- Any opposed?

- No, no, no, no.

- Sorry, you don't count.

- I get that a lot.

- Thank you, again.

- Congratulations.

- Thanks.

- When we did the code, we never meant it to supersede state or anything like that.