

**MINUTES OF THE
MACOMB COUNTY ETHICS BOARD**

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

A meeting of the Macomb County Ethics Board was held Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 8:45 a.m., in the Conference Room, on the Second Floor of the Talmer Building, 120 North Main Street, Mount Clemens, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice - Chair McGrail called the meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Members were present:

James McGrail, Paddy Laske, Dorie Vazquez-Nolan and Brian Gabriel

Don Amboyer – Absent and Excused

Michelle LaBelle, Macomb County Finance – Risk & Insurance, prepared/reported the Minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Paddy Laske, supported by Dorie Vazquez-Nolan, to adopt the Agenda as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Paddy Laske, supported by Brian Gabriel, to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2016. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

One phone call was received that was not related to the Ethics Board. Two emails were received - one was not related to the Ethics Board, the other was a training information question.

ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03 DISCUSSION

The Board discussed problems and concerns with the new Ordinance and the need to discuss concerns with the Board of Commissioners. Jim McGrail will put together a new flowchart for Advisory Opinions and Complaints for the new Ordinance.

MOTION

A motion was made by Dorie Vazquez-Nolan, supported by Brian Gabriel, for Jim McGrail to reach out the Chair of the Government Operations Committee and Chair of the Board of Commissioners to meet about the concerns of the current Ordinance. **The Motion Carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting dates for this year along with keeping the current schedule of the third Wednesday of every month were confirmed. Due to construction in the Talmer Building, the Board will look into other meeting locations.

CASE REVIEW AO2017-01

The Board reviewed the current Rules of Procedures for Advisory Opinions since the public servant wasn't advised about the Advisory Opinion and there was an employee from the department present.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brian Gabriel, supported by Paddy Laske to dismiss Advisory Opinion AO2017-01 for the following reasons 1) not entirely sure if the Advisory Opinion was requested by a public servant and 2) Under the current ordinance, an Advisory Opinion is a proactive request. The Board will consider a complaint if they choose to file. **The Motion Carried.**

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: MARCH 15, 2017 - 8:45 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION

A motion was made by Dorie Vazquez-Nolan, supported by Brian Gabriel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Approved:



Jim McGrail, Vice - Chair



Dorie Vazquez-Nolan,
Secretary