

**MINUTES OF THE
MACOMB COUNTY ETHICS BOARD**

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

A meeting of the Macomb County Ethics Board was held Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at 8:45 a.m., in the Conference Room, on the 2nd Floor of the Talmer Building - Mount Clemens, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amboyer called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Members were present:

Dr. Donald J. Amboyer, Paddy Laske and James McGrail

Dorie Vazquez-Nolan – Absent and Excused

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was taken to remember one of the original Ethics Board Members - Anthony Bellanca.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by James McGrail, supported by Paddy Laske, to adopt the Agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF JULY 20, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Jim McGrail, supported by Don Amboyer, to approve the Minutes of July 20, 2016. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board mailed replies to Two Freedom of Information Requests. (C06-2016)

MOTION

A motion was made by Jim McGrail, supported by Don Amboyer, to reimburse Paddy Laske \$13.38 for envelope and postage expenses and also reimburse Don Amboyer \$3.35 for postage. **The Motion Carried.**

ETHICS TRAINING UPDATE

Brian Jacks, Human Resources/Labor Relations provided an overview of completion percentages and employee comments. Elected Officials are also completing training.

Paddy Laske and Jim McGrail noted a few comments from training feedback and will look into getting resolved.

Brian Jacks said Syntrio has been excellent to work with – fixing issues within a day.

BOARD MEMBER VACANCY UPDATE

Brian Gabriel, Ethics Board Nominee, was interviewed by the Executive Office.

FLYER & POSTER REVISIONS

Jim McGrail will follow up with the Planning Department for wording revisions on the flyer and poster.

DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS PURSUANT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Board sent John Schapka, Corporation Counsel a letter regarding FOIA requests. Mr. Schapka sent a reply to the Board with all the legal aspects.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

CASE REVIEW

A01-2016 – Jim McGrail will draft a proposed Advisory Opinion for the Board to review.

AO2-2016 – Paddy Laske will send out a letter – closing this request.

C03-2016 – Subcommittee Jim McGrail and Paddy Laske to further review and investigate.

C04-2016 –

MOTION

A motion was made by Jim McGrail, supported by Paddy Laske to dismiss this Complaint as not being a violation of the Ethics Ordinance. **The Motion Carried.**

C05-2016 - Paddy Laske and Jim McGrail have been assigned to form a subcommittee to further review and investigate.

C06-2016 –

MOTION

A motion was made by Jim McGrail, supported by Don Amboyer to assign Paddy Laske and Jim McGrail to form a subcommittee to further review the complaint. **The Motion Carried.**

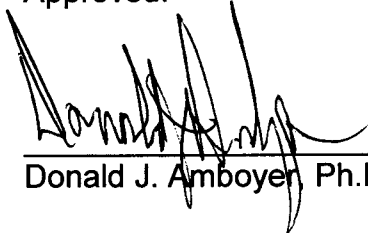
NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: September 21, 2016 - 8:45 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

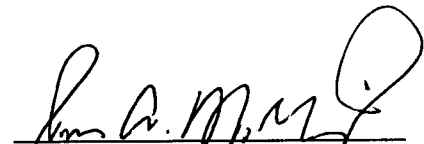
MOTION

A motion was made by Jim McGrail, supported by Paddy Laske, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Approved:



Donald J. Amboyer, Ph.D., Chair



James McGrail, Secretary