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**Subject:** Code of Ethics - Opinion Regarding Timing for Certain BOE Actions

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## Dear Kathy,

I'm hoping the Law Department can look into a quick point for the Ethics Revision Committee in advance of our next meeting, which will be the week of 6/14.

The question has to do with timing for the Board of Ethics to provide notice on the disposition of a matter. We had followed the state statute here, as committee believed that definitive timing was important to add, and so went with 3 Business Days in the statute (I believe the reference is CGS 1-82a). The Board of Ethics noted that, as a volunteer board, that timing was too tight for them to respond, and they suggested 10 Business Days instead. I suspect the committee would be fine with that extension (the goal is definitive timing for a reply, not necessarily pushing folks to hurry), but Representative McMullen believes that the timing set forth in the state statute must be adopted by all localities.

Does the state's statue on municipal ethics codes proscribe 3 Business Days as the minimum amount of time for such an update, or is that just a baseline? Accordingly, could our committee approve a deadline beyond 3 days?

Best,

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