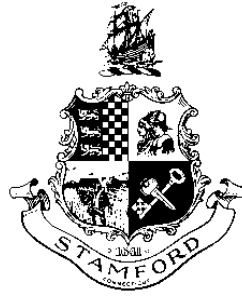


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ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to
Section 19-14 E (2) of
The Stamford Municipal Code of Ethics

June 16, 2022

This Annual Report has been prepared by the Board of Ethics of the City of Stamford (the “Board”), and is delivered to the Mayor and the President of the Board of Representatives pursuant to Section 19-14 E(2) of the Stamford Municipal Code of Ethics, (the “Code”). It is for the period beginning June 1, 2021 and ending May 31, 2022, (the “Report Period”).

The Board engaged in the following activities during the Report Period:

1. Advisory Opinions

During the Report Period, the Board received two requests for Advisory Opinions, both involving questions of conflict of interest. The Board issued one Advisory Opinion, and deferred issuing the second one pending receipt of additional information from the requesting party.

2. Formal Complaints

During the Report Period, the Board received and investigated three Complaints. The three Complaints were dismissed upon finding no probable cause.

The Public Hearing of a Complaint, which had commenced, but was not completed in the prior Report Period was completed during this Report Period. The Hearing Board’s Memorandum of Decision was issued and filed as required by Section 19-14 D(6) of the Code.

3. Training for the Board

Assistant Corporation Counsel Attorney, Amy LiVolsi appeared twice before the Board to provide guidance on procedures to comply with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, and to address questions on the revised Stamford Code of Ethics.

Regarding the latter, she led the Board through several scenarios on how to apply the Code to each situation. Further, she addressed the question of Advisory Opinions establishing precedent.

4. Board Members

The Code calls for a body of seven Members and two Alternates. Functionally, as has been the practice in past years, Alternate Board Members are, “considered working members of the Board” pursuant to Code Section 19-14 A(6) and participated in all meetings. During the Report Period, the Board continued to operate at less than full strength. At the end of the Report Period, there were two vacancies to be filled.

While vacancies have not impaired the progress of our work, there can be situations in which a less than full complement of members could have a significant impact on our fulfilling our responsibilities. Therefore, we ask that the process move forward as quickly as possible to find replacements when vacancies exist.

In a previous year, the Board voted to report the attendance record of each Board Member in the Board’s Annual Report. The following is the attendance record for the Reporting Period:

Member Name	Meetings Present	Possible Meetings	Attendance Percentage %
Christine Dzujna	4	5	80%
Benjamin Folkinshteyn	5	5	100%
Thomas Hynes	2	2	100%
Allan Lang	5	5	100%
Kevin Quinn	5	5	100%
Myrna Sessa	4	5	80%
Monica Smyth	5	5	100%
Fred Springer	4	5	80%

At our April 2022 meeting, Fred Springer was elected Vice Chair, replacing Thomas Hynes who had resigned from the Board.

5. Administrative Support

Our Administrative Assistant, Kimberly Hawreluk continues to provide the Board with outstanding support, for which we are most appreciative.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the training the Board of Ethics received during this past year be made available to all Boards and Commissions within City government. Furthermore, the Board recommends that the training be tailored to the functions and needs of each authority.

The Board is not submitting recommendations for improvement to the Municipal Code of Ethics at this time.