

Amended and Approved

Law, Rules and Ethics

Committee Minutes

12/9/19

Board Office

Attendance: (4) Sylvia Alexander, Dan Padernacht, Jyll Townes, Martin Wolpoff
(Chair)

(1) CB Chair Rosemary Ginty

Absent: (1) I. William Stone

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
2. Chairman noted that since Carlos Wilcox, although studying at Dartmouth University, was still identified as a committee member, this fact led to last month's situation for which there was no quorum. In consultation with Chair Ginty, Mr. Wilcox has been removed from the committee membership list.
3. Approval of September and November minutes
In Favor (4): S Alexander, D Padernacht, J Townes, M Wolpoff
Against: (0)
Abstentions: (0)
4. Ethical Guidance Manual (EGM)
 - a. Chair Wolpoff noted that the EGM can be found in two places on the Board's website. One is an old copy. The most recent copy can be found under committees, Law Rules and Ethics. Chair also credited the efforts of the late Irving Ladimer. Bd. Chair Ginty contacted the BP's office with our committee's question as to whether actions and findings of an Ad Hoc Disciplinary committee are privileged. She is awaiting a response.
 - b. Ms. Townes offered her experience as an EEO Assistant Commissioner and offered recommendations for Commissioner's findings.
 - c. Committee reviewed several hypothetical scenarios concerning Disciplinary committee activities and follow-up.

- d. Chairman Wolpoff raised the issue of changing the polarity of one of the instructions for the Nominating Committee. He recommended that in anticipation of Nominating Committee actions, even though all positions are considered to be vacant, that current chairs and officers notify, within five days, of their interest to seek re-nomination. This should replace the current instruction that officers and chairs notify the nominating committee if they choose not to be re-nominated. There was no interest in making this change.
5. City Council legislation update
 - a. Chairman noted that he had transmitted to all members his voluminous spreadsheet of items being considered by the City Council. He noted a color code for items for which one of our Council representatives is the prime sponsor. He also noted that he sorted the items by chronological order within the Council's committee's areas of responsibility. This is the first time he has done a full community board distribution and he is awaiting comments from board members as to whether this action should be repeated.
 6. Conflict of Interest Board determinations
 - a. Similar to the legislative spreadsheet above, Chairman distributed to the entire board the COIB determinations from the month of October. Since Chairman had not received any determinations for November, Chairman distributed the October edition of COIB's "The Ethical Times."
 - b. Committee reviewed the edition. Chairman highly recommended that committee members read the article concerning the Junior Electronic Records Keeper (J.E.R.K.).
 - c. Chairman indicated that he planned to remind board members about the existence of the EGM.
 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Wolpoff,
Chair