



## MINUTES OF AN OFFICIAL MEETING:

Regular / Special Meeting: Ethics Board

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 8:00 P.M.  
**Location:** City Hall, Common Council Chambers - North, 2000 North Calhoun Road  
**Members Present:** Chairman Monica Riederer (via Zoom), Vice Chairman Christopher Steffe, and Karen Flaherty.  
**Members Excused:** None.  
**Others Present:** Attorney Nicholas Cerwin as Counsel to the Board, Attorney Miriam Horwitz, Alderman Jenna Meza, Attorney Julie Gay, Alderman Michael Hallquist, Human Resources Analyst Allie Gerschwiler, and Human Resources Director James Zwerlein.

### 1. Roll Call

After noting a quorum was present, Chairman Riederer called the Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. Minutes of the June 8, 2022 Meeting

***Ms. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Vice Chairman Steffe. Motion carried 3-0.***

### 3. New Business

- a) Evidentiary hearing regarding Amended Ethics Board Complaint dated April 11, 2022.

The Board took testimony from the complainant, Alderman Michael Hallquist, and the respondent, Alderman Jenna Meza.

The following exhibits were identified and entered into the record: Complainant #1 – photograph of Alderman Meza in an open red convertible car taken during the City of Brookfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on July 4, 2021. Complainant #2 – 2018 Compendium of Citywide Employment Policies sections pertaining to the Code of Ethics and the Ethics Board Guidelines Regarding the Code of Ethics. Complainant #3 – Receipt acknowledgement of Alderman Hallquist regarding the 2018 Compendium of Citywide Employment Policies, dated May 5, 2020. Complainant #4 – Receipt acknowledgement of Alderman Meza regarding the 2018 Compendium of Citywide Employment Policies, dated April 20, 2020. Respondent #1 – Notarized Ethics Board complaint filed by Alderman Hallquist, dated August 6, 2021. Respondent #2 – Copy of the top of Alderman Hallquist’s LinkedIn profile page. Board #1 – Investigation report of Private Investigator Jill M. Kasper of Elite Protection Specialists, dated January 10, 2022.

It was discovered during a recess that the recording equipment was not functioning properly and the beginning of the meeting and the entirety of Alderman Hallquist’s testimony was not recorded. Counsel for both the complainant and respondent agreed they would meet in advance of the next meeting to see if they can stipulate to the content of the complainant’s testimony. A written stipulation will be provided

to the Board by Wednesday, September 14, 2022. If a stipulation cannot be reached, counsel for both parties will consult Board Counsel Cerwin for further guidance. The remainder of the meeting was appropriately recorded via the application Zoom.

***Upon completion of the testimony, Vice-Chairman Steffe moved to adjourn the hearing and to reconvene on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried 3-0.***

- b) Deliberations on Amended Ethics Board Complaint dated April 11, 2022. Schedule upcoming meeting (if necessary).

***Delayed by reconvening action, above, until September 15, 2022, and after additional testimony, if necessary.***

#### 4. Adjournment

***Vice-Chairman moved to adjourn the hearing until the next scheduled meeting. Seconded by Ms. Flaherty. Motion carried 3-0. 7:42 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted:

James Zwierlein

Human Resources Department/Human Resources Director