

Minutes
Board of Ethics
City of Memphis
Meeting of June 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Lanier.

The Roll Call was made and the following Board members were present at the meeting: Judge Robert Lanier, Robert Dawkins, Ruth Pollard, Pete Scatamacchia, Edward Vaughn, Carol K. George and Vaness Harvey. Monika Johnson, Chief Ethics Officer was also present.

The approval of the agenda was properly moved and seconded.

Mr. Vaughn moved for acceptance of the minutes from the April 6, 2011 meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Pollard. The minutes were accepted without objection.

The report of Chief Ethics Officer to Sworn Complaints No. 11-01 and 11-02 filed by Mr. Don Hassel were reviewed and discussed. The Chief Ethics Officer recommended dismissal of both complaints. Complainant, Mr. Don Hassell was present and allowed an opportunity to speak. Mr. Scatamacchia moved for dismissal of both complaints, which was seconded by Mr. Vaughn. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. The Chairman then explained to Mr. Hassell in detail his appeal rights, which Mr. Hassell acknowledged that he understood. There was also a discussion of the appropriate avenues for Mr. Hassell to seek redress to his concerns, and an explanation that his allegations may be legitimate, but were not ethical violations.

The Board reviewed and discussed in detail the Draft Advisory Ethics Opinion 11.02 submitted by the Chief Ethics Officer. The requestor asked for an advisory opinion versus an official opinion. The Board agreed that the opinion should be advisory and issued by the Chief Ethics Officer. The Board requested that the final draft be emailed to it prior to issuance.

The Chief Ethics Officer advised the Board members of the status of the set up of the office and the additional resources needed. Board members said that they would contact City Council members to determine if resources could be allocated for the work that needs to be accomplished.

The meeting was adjourned.


Signature of Secretary

7/6/11
Date