



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF ETHICS

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
2100 Ridge Ave, Room 2402

Members Present: Kelda Harris-Harty, Karena Bierman, Elizabeth Gustafson and Jennifer Billingsley

Members Absent: Vincent Thomas.

Staff Present: Michelle Masoncup, Staff Attorney

Presiding Member: Kelda Harris-Harty, Committee Chair

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1. **Quorum:** Chairwoman, Harris-Harty declared that the Board had a quorum, with 4 of 5 members present and called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.
 2. **Minutes:** The board approved the minutes of October 17, 2017.
 3. **Public Comment:** Four individuals (Priscilla Giles, Madelyn Ducre, Carolyn Murray, and Tina Foster) spoke during Public Comment about a City Council approval of a special use application for a restaurant in the 5th Ward. Each individual discussed their frustrations with the Council decision to disagree with the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation.
 4. **New Business:** The Board received a complaint filed by Madelyn Ducre, 17 BOE 004 and against all nine aldermen. Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(15) and (21), the Board convened in executive session to review if the Board had jurisdiction to hear the complaint and to approve previous closed session minutes. K. Bierman reported in open session that the Board of Ethics did not find that it had jurisdiction in the complaint as alleged by M. Ducre and said complaint is dismissed.
 5. **Old Business:** Revisions to Section 1-10-8 "Administration of the Code" continue to be discussed. The Board seeks to expand the review to include the entire Code of Ethics and thus postponed discussing further revisions until January 23rd meeting.
 6. **Adjournment:** Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.