

CITY OF HARTFORD
ETHICS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

David Klein
Chuck Culliton
Kurtis Denison
Sibongile Magubane

Date: June 11, 2019

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Rm. 301, Corporation Counsel Conference Room, City Hall

MINUTES:

Present: Commissioner Klein, Commissioner Culliton (via telephone conference), Commissioner Magubane, David Grant, and Assistant Corporation Counsel Lori Mizerak.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Klein at 5:04 p.m. Commissioner Klein made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting, Commissioner Magubane moved to second, and the minutes were approved.

As to the first item of old business, annual election of officers, Commissioner Klein offered to continue serving as Chair, and per a recent discussion, Commissioner Denison, would be happy to serve as Vice-Chair. Mr. Grant suggested that the Commission wait to vote on the officers until the July meeting, in that the two new commissioners should be approved by Council by then. The Commissioners agreed that the annual election of officers will take place at the July 9, 2019 meeting.

As to first item of old business, Statements of Financial Interests for 2018, Ms. Mizerak reported that the forms have been sent out and so far, 108 forms have been completed, which is about a 58% return rate. The Commissioners agreed that third letters should go out now.

As to the second item of old business, discussion of commission memberships, Mr. Grant gave an update on the Commission appointment process. Specifically, the two new Ethics Commission appointees are meeting with the Legislative Affairs Committee this week, and their appointments should then be on the agenda of the June 24, 2019 Council meeting for approval.

As to the next item of old business, Annual Meeting of Boards and Commissions, Commissioner Klein stated that it was a well-attended event and a good opportunity to meet potential new commissioners. Mr. Grant advised that 61 people attended the reception portion of the event, and 54 people attended the training portion of the event. Further, as a result of the event, a Commission Programming Board was formed, consisting of five City board/commissioners, to develop programming and recruitment events for City boards and commissions. In addition, starting in August, there will be a monthly meeting of City commissioners.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 301, Conference Room, Office of the Corporation Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Mizerak