

GREENWICH BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 11, 2017

Members Present: Paul de Bary, Chair, Robert Grele, Acting Secretary, Rev. Ian Jeremiah, John Margenot, and Robert Sisca (partial as indicated)

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Steven Katz, Vice Chair, Commission on Aging (partial as indicated)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by the Chair, who noted that a quorum was present and that the agenda for the meeting had been provided to all of the members, posted online and posted in Town Hall in accordance with Freedom of Information Act requirements.

The Chair then noted that he had forwarded information concerning the annual SNAC workshop to each of the members and encouraged them to attend.

The next item on the agenda was an executive session to continue the preliminary investigation of the complaint that the board had received at its last meeting. Accordingly, the Board went into executive session.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the Chair announced that the Board had completed its preliminary investigation of the complaint reviewed at its last meeting and found that there was not sufficient evidence available to determine that there was probable cause to believe that a violation of the Code had occurred. Accordingly, it was appropriate that the minutes of the executive sessions to consider the complaint at the last meeting and at this meeting be sealed.

Upon motion made by Mr. Grele and seconded by Mr. Sisca, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the executive session of the Board at its meeting held on March 28th and the minutes of its first executive session at today's meeting be adopted and sealed and retained by the Secretary of the Board and released only upon the proper order of a court having jurisdiction over the matter issued after a showing of good cause.

The next order of business was the receipt of a request for an advisory opinion from Mr. Katz, which the Chair directed be attached to these minutes as Exhibit A. The Chair noted that Mr. Katz was present. Mr. Katz then discussed the circumstances surrounding the request with the Board. It was noted that there was a threshold issue with regard to the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Commission that the Board was seeking assistance from the Department of Law with regard to these issues. The Board would make an effort to resolve these issues and to

schedule a further meeting of the Board to review the facts and issues with Mr. Katz prior to issuing its advisory opinion with respect to the matter. At this point, Mr. Katz left the meeting.

Mr. Sisca then left the meeting.

The Chair then reported that next issue on the agenda was the continuation of the Board's preliminary investigation with respect to a submission that was determined to meet the requirements of a complaint at its meeting on December 13th, 2016. The Board had identified two respondents as a result of its review of the complaint. In the course of its preliminary investigation the Board had determined that it was most appropriate to deal with each respondent separately. Accordingly, the Chair had scheduled separate executive sessions to continue the preliminary investigations against each respondent.

The Board then went into a second executive session to continue the preliminary investigation into the allegations as they related to the first respondent.

Upon the conclusion of the second executive session the Board went into a third executive session to continue the preliminary investigation into the allegations as they related to the second respondent.

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:45 P.M.

Robert F. Grele
Acting Secretary