

## BOARD OF ETHICS

### Open Session Minutes

June 16, 2010 - 3:10 p.m.  
740 North Sedgwick, Suite 500

#### **Board Members Present**

Miguel A. Ruiz, Chair  
Michael F. Quirk  
Thomas McCarthy  
Lisa M. Taylor

#### **Staff Present**

Steven I. Berlin, Executive Director  
Richard J. Superfine, Legal Counsel  
Courtney L.D. Kimble, Attorney/Investigator  
Pully Casillas, Staff Assistant

John L. Wilhelm, M.D. (Absent)

#### **I. Approval of Minutes**

The Board VOTED 4-0 (John L. Wilhelm, M.D., absent) to approve the Open Session Minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting.

#### **II. Chair's Report**

None.

#### **III. Executive Director's Report**

##### **A. Education–Classes**

Since the last Board meeting, staff has conducted 1 regularly scheduled class, on May 21. 6 persons attended. There are 10 scheduled to attend on June 17.

On May 24, and again on June 3, at the request of the Mayor's Office, staff made one hour presentations on its work and on government ethics to a total of 21 visiting officials from Pakistan.

On June 25, staff will present the second of 4 classes to about 225 Department of Aviation contractors at O'Hare, at the request of the Commissioner of Aviation.

On July 13, staff will present a 45 minute session to Commissioners of the Wicker Park SSA, at the request of the Chair of that Commission.

##### **B. Education–Mandatory Annual Ethics Education**

To date, I'm pleased to announce that we are at 52% compliance with the 2010 all-employee online training: 33,836 scheduled, 17,671 completions.

We also plan to post the 2010 aldermanic on-line ethics training program next week, and have the lobbyist program posted the week of June 28.

##### **C. Statements of Financial Interests**

To date, there remain 182 employees and appointed officials who have yet to file their 2010 forms. We are at 98% compliance.

To date in 2010, the office has collected \$9,320 in late filing fees.

Staff is working diligently on the on-line filing, retrieval, and data processing system for Statements of Financial Interests. The project is now well into the design phase.

##### **D. Lobbyist Registration**

There are currently **542** lobbyists that have registered with the City for this year. To date, **\$251,525.00** in lobbyist registration fees have been deposited with the Department of Revenue.

**E. Illinois Freedom of Information Act**

Since the last Board meeting, the office has received 5 new requests under the Freedom of Information Act. These were 2 requests for information or documents not kept by this agency, and 3 requests for 7 lobbyists' filings for periods covering up to 8 years, resulting in production of all filed records and copying of approximately 140 of those records (or pages from them).

**F. Preliminary 2011 Budget**

On June 10, the agency submitted its Preliminary 2011 Budget request, including requests for 3 new/restored attorney positions: 2 Deputies and 1 Investigator/Attorney. The total request was for \$969,863, an increase of 73% over our 2010 revised appropriation.

**IV. Old Business**

None.

**V. New Business**

None.

The Board VOTED 4-0 (John L. Wilhelm, M.D., absent) to adjourn into Executive Session at 3:19 p.m. to review matters concerning the conduct of employees and officials of the City that could result in their discipline or dismissal, to review questions concerning matters of professional ethics and performance, to review matters in which litigation is ongoing, and/or to review matters in which the Board finds that litigation against or affecting the Board is probable or imminent.