



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft ETHICS BOARD

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Thursday, October 13, 2022

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Chair Czyszak-Lyne. All 7 members of the Board were present.

Additional attendees:

Assistant City Attorney Steven C. Brist

City of Madison City Attorney Michael Haas

City of Madison Fleet Services Director Mahanth Joishy

Observer/guest: David Buerger, Staff Counsel, Wisconsin Ethics Commission

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Czyszak-Lyne asked if there were any additions or correction to the draft meeting Minutes for November 30, 2021. No additions or corrections were discussed. The Minutes were approved as presented.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None – no online participates, questions, comments

**4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Czysnak-Lyne proposed switching agenda items 7 & 6. No objections.

**5. Election of Officers**

**Member Baring nominated Member Czysnak-Lyne as Chair. No other nominations, nominations closed**  
**Member Czysnak-Lyne calls for nominations for Vice Chair. Member Keys nominates Member Baring for Vice Chair. No other nominations, nominations closed**  
**Member Baring accepts nomination as Vice Chair.**  
**Member Czysnak-Lyne accepts nomination as Chair.**  
**Nominations approved without objections.**

**6. Memo Regarding Solicitation Ordinances 10.13.22**

The Board considered Item 6 on the agenda, relating to City Attorney Michael Haas's request regarding Sec. 3.35(5)(a)2 MGO regarding solicitation and the way it interacts with Sec. 3.35(5) (b)1MGO regarding not providing a privilege, special consideration or advantage to anyone that is not available to everyone. City Attorney Haas sought Ethics Board advice and guidance regarding the interaction of these two provisions of the Ethics Code. Haas explained that the solicitation questions were the most common questions received by the Office of the City Attorney related to the city Code of Ethics. The questions often relate to Alders or other City Officials being asked to solicit funds on behalf of third party entities not associated with the City. The members of the Ethics Board discussed this request and it was suggested that this issue should be put on a future Ethics Board agenda. Member Albino suggested he would like to see something from The Office of the City Attorney regarding the fundraising subsection of this ordinance. Members discussed having the City Attorney's Office create a draft that cleans up ordinance language and is in compliance with Ethics Code, to be brought back to the Ethics Board.

**7. Advisory Opinion re: Mahanth Joishy - Possible service on Customer Advisory Board for Renewable Energy Group.**

**Mahanth Joishy is the Fleet Superintendent for the City of Madison. In his capacity as Superintendent, he procures fuel for diesel powered vehicles in City's fleet. The City has made it a priority to use renewable biodiesel in its vehicles. The City procures its renewable biodiesel from Renewable Energy Group, which is based in the Midwest and the biodiesel used by the City is processed in Dane County.**  
**Renewable Energy Group ("REG") has asked Superintendent Joishy to serve on their Customer Advisory Board. He would be serving in his capacity as Superintendent and would not personally receive compensation for serving on the Board. If meetings require travel or stay outside of Madison, REG would reimburse the City for travel and lodging expenses. He is interested in serving**

on the Advisory Board, in his capacity as Superintendent, in order to help shape policies regarding sustainable transportation and biofuels that affect the Madison community.

Following discussion, Member Baring moved that Superintendent Joishy may serve on the Customer Advisory Board in his capacity as Fleet Superintendent and that such service would not conflict with the Code of Ethics. Member Keys seconded the motion. The motion passed with all Members voting Aye.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

There were no further items to be considered on the agenda. Following a voice vote on the motion to adjourn, Chair Czysak-Lyne declared the meeting adjourned.