



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved ETHICS BOARD

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

4:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 313 (Madison Municipal Building)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Czyszczak-Lyne at 4:35 PM

Present : Ethics Board Members, Joseph Baring, James Cobb, Drew Cochrane, Mary Czyszczak-Lyne and Alder Michael Verveer.

Others Present: Alder. David Ahrens, Asst. City Attorney Steven Brist and Susan Schmitz.

Absent: Bill Keys

Present: 5 - Michael E. Verveer; Mary Czyszczak-Lyne; Joseph B. Baring; James D. Cobb and Drew Cochrane

Absent: 2 - William C. Keys and David Albino

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alder Verveer moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Drew Cochrane seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

5. [39100](#) ALTERNATE Creating Sections 2.40(4)(h) and 3.30(4) of the Madison General Ordinances to prohibit a person who is registered as a lobbyist under City Ordinances from serving as a member of any permanent or temporary City board, commission or committee.

Attachments: [Version 3 - 2nd Alternate](#)
[Version 2 - Alternate](#)
[Alternate with handwritten notations](#)
[Version 1](#)
[Letter from Ron Trachtenberg to Ethics Board. 10-26-15.pdf](#)

Item #39100 came before the Board as new business. Susan Schmitz spoke

against Version 1. Alder Ahrens spoke in favor of Version 1 and against the Alternate . A letter from Ron Trachtenberg, opposing Version 1 was received by the Board.

Following discussion, the Board did not recommend either Version 1 or the Alternate. Alder Verveer requested that staff draft a different alternate that would treat lobbyists in a similar manner as nonresident committee appointees, requiring a rationale of the reasons for the appointment from the Mayor and approval by a 2/3 vote of the Council.

Alder Verveer moved to refer Item #39100 to the next meeting of the Board. James Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

6. ADJOURNMENT

James Cobb moved to adjourn, Drew Cochrane seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM.