

City of Troy, Ethics Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes
433 River Street Troy, New York 12180

August 28th, 2014 - 6 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Present Shaw Cubit Bennett Mazor Ellis Benbow
Absent Jamison

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting - tabled no copy available

Motion Ellis Bennett
Vote 6 / yes 0 / no

IV. Open Issues

1. Case#E102072014 (Shaw) *Counsel mailed simple disposition 8/25/15 to Counsel and Councilman Doherty. Formal to follow. Commissioner Cubit asked why such long delay since vote in May. Commissioner Bennett reiterated that we did vote on this a few months ago. Chairman Shaw stated timing between himself and commission counsel.*
2. Agreement with Counsel (Shaw): *Commission Counsel is uncomfortable with signing generic agreement provided as it was geared towards other situations, and felt that he is already bound by professional ethics. Chairman Shaw will look for a simpler agreement form and contact Corporate Counsel to see if they have a template.*

V. New Business

1. Annual disclosures - *6 disclosures are incomplete. Letters will be sent to six individuals requesting properly filled disclosures. Commissioner Cubit will draft a form letters based on Counsel example. Commissioner Bennett will follow up with Law Department on a comprehensive list so that all who need to file are accounted for.*
2. Case review - new cases, potential cases.
Advisory opinion request. Commission ruled that A council person may in fact appear before a board or commission of the city per §43.1 E. Chairman Shaw will contact requestor to give Commission determination and formal will be issued.
3. Jurisdiction Questions (Att-A) - *Table for further clarification*
Motion Cubit Ellis
Vote 6 / yes 0 / no
4. Letter from Filippo (Att-B) - *Commissioner Cubit will draft and send formal.*
Motion Mazor Benbow
Vote 6 / yes 0 /no
5. Review of items identified by John Mancini - *Tabled till September 2014 meeting.*
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6. Getting the word out on the on-line training - *Chairman Shaw will contact Mayors office to invite select groups to take on-line training, Commissioner Cubit suggested to start with City Council and Mayors office.*

Motion Ellis Bennett
Vote 6 / yes 0 /no

VI. Public forum

The public is encouraged to attend the ethics commissions monthly meeting to address the commission, or to turn in sworn complaints (there will be no discussion on submitted complaints or current cases). Speakers are limited to 5 minutes and are to be directed to the Commission only.

VII. Adjournment

Motion Cubit Mazor
Yes / 6 No / 0
Meeting adjourned 7:41