

The Ethics Review Board
City of New Orleans

Tuesday, August 28, 2007
10:30 a.m.

Xavier University New Orleans, University Center

Present: Rev. Kevin Wildes, Chair, Elizabeth Nalty, Secretary, Dean Winston Brown, Professor Kathryn Lorio, and Rev. Cornelius Tilton, Vice Chair

Excused: Mrs. Leah Chase and Dr. Beverly Favre.

Guests: Robert A. Cerasoli, Inspector General, Professor David Marcello of the Tulane Public Law Center, Gail Howard, Executive Assistant to Rev. Kevin Wildes, S.J., Keith Scott of the NAACP, and Frank Aymami of City Business.

Fr. Wildes called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Elizabeth Nalty moved to approve the minutes of the June 12 meeting, Rev. Tilton seconded – motion passed.

The members of the board discussed the necessity of drafting operational procedures addressing various aspects of the Ethics Review Board. Kathryn Lorio and David Marcello will present a working draft to the board within the next couple of months.

Rev. Tilton, on behalf of the board, welcomed Robert Cerasoli to the City of New Orleans and expressed the board's support of his endeavors as inspector general.

There was discussion regarding the relationship between the board and the Office of the Inspector General, and the possible need for a cooperative endeavor agreement to address various separate and/or overlapping issues of both offices. David Marcello agreed to work with the Ethics Review Board to draft such an agreement.

The budgets of the Ethics Review Board and the Office of Inspector General were discussed. Members of the board will work to obtain an adequate budget for operating and staffing of both offices. Kevin Wildes moved for approval to secure the funds necessary from the City of New Orleans to fund the above budgets, seconded by Kathryn Lorio - motion passed. Kevin Wildes, chair and Rev. Tilton, vice chair, will contact the Mayor's Office to discuss the necessary funding of both offices.

There was discussion that the Ethics Review Board contact the State Ethics Board chair, Henry C. Perret, Jr., to review commonalities and procedures between the two boards. Kevin Wildes, S.J. to contact at some time in the future. The issue of training of state employees by the State Ethics Board was discussed as it may relate to the training of city

employees by the Ethics Review Board for the City of New Orleans. Perhaps the state procedures could be adapted to the city.

Rev. Tilton, on behalf of the board, expressed a hardy thank you to Gail Howard for her continuing support of the Ethics Review Board.

Elizabeth Nalty moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Seconded by Rev. Cornelius Tilton – motion passed.