

Ethics Review Board

City of New Orleans

May 17, 2017

4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers | 1330 Perdido Street | Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Minutes

Present: Mr. James Brown, Vice Chair; Dr. Joe Ricks; Dr. Michael Cowan; Rev. Boutin; Mr. Howard Rodgers

Absent: Mr. Allen Miller, Chair

Staff: Dane Ciolino, General Counsel

Guest: Toni Hackett Antrum, the Hackett Group, Ethics Education Trainers

At 4:03 p.m., a quorum being present, the Vice Chair called the meeting to order. On a motion by Dr. Ricks seconded by Dr. Cowan, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting.

Inspector General's Report

The Inspector General (IG), Ed Quatrevaux, told the board that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) has not issued any reports since the ERB's last meeting.

Independent Police Monitor's Report

The Independent Police Monitor (IPM), Susan Hutson, told the board that the Office of the Independent Police Monitor (OIPM) has not issued any new reports since the ERB's last meeting.

The IPM told the board that Deputy Police Monitor Ursula Price, was interviewed by local television news stations regarding the OIPM's assistance to a mother of a homicide victim.

The IPM told the board that she did a presentation for one of the Rotary Clubs in New Orleans, bringing awareness to the OIPM's mission.

The IPM reported the OIPM's year-to-date activities for 2017: 15 citizen complaints, 3 contacts only, 13 disciplinary hearings, 12 mediations, 4 uses of force, 4 case monitorings, 4 criminal case liaisons and 2 firearm discharges.

General Counsel's Report

Mr. Ciolino told the board that there are no new complaints and there is 1 item to discuss for Executive Session.

Mr. Ciolino told the board that during the ERB's April meeting it was discussed that Councilmember Susan Guidry proposed introducing a new ordinance. He also told the board that he has been in minimum contact with her office but will continue to monitor the status.

Ethics Education Report

Ms. Toni Hackett Antrum of the Hackett Group told the board that the ethics education training with the New Orleans Business Alliance was completed.

Ms. Hackett Antrum told the board that the Hackett Group scheduled ethics education training for 80 employees of the Sewerage & Water Board (S&WB) in June 2017. She also told the board that the S&WB agreed to have 4 sessions which will consists of 20 employees attending each session.

Ms. Hackett Antrum told the board that the Hackett Group has 2 sessions scheduled with the New Orleans City Council starting at the end of June 2017.

In response to Dr. Ricks, Ms. Hackett Antrum told the board that under the Louisiana State Law for ethics education training that "Departmental Supervisors" fall under the "Agency Head" category.

In response to Dr. Ricks, Ms. Hackett Antrum told the board that the Hackett Group has not completed ethics education training with any of the S&WB's Executive Staff.

In response to Dr. Rick's, Ms. Hackett Antrum told the board that there are different issues and concepts with completing ethics education training with non-governmental agencies versus direct governmental agencies.

Dr. Ricks asked Ms. Hackett Antrum to begin inviting the Executive Staff of S&WB and other City Departments to the ethics education trainings. He told the board that the ERB should get involved if there is Executive Staff that will not participate in the trainings.

In response to Mr. Brown, Ms. Hackett Antrum will report the status of City Departments Executive Staff attending the ethics education training at the ERB's June Meeting.

The chair called for a vote to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute sections 42:17(A) (4) to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. Dr. Cowan moved and a second was offered by Dr. Ricks at 4:24 P.M. and the motion passed.

The board, by an affirmative vote of all members present, held an executive session.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the board reconvened its public meeting. Dr. Ricks moved to reconvene and resume the open session and a second was offered by Mr. Rodgers and the motion passed.

Mr. Rodgers moved to deny reconsideration of the prior decision to close ERB Matter No. 2017-02; Mr. Ciolino was recused. Rev. Boutin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

No new business.

At 4:31 P.M., Dr. Ricks moved that the meeting adjourn, Mr. Rodgers seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.