



Town of Hamden

Board of Ethics

**Regular Meeting on
Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

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Minutes

The Board of Ethics held a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2023, via virtual Zoom, the following issues were discussed:

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Kent called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
 - a. Attendance: Philip Kent, Chairman; Deirdre Moody, Ann Pari, Dr. Lynda Rosenfeld, Ellen Rosenthal, Edward Simon; and also in attendance: Sue Gruen, Town Attorney; and Patrice LeMoine, Commission Clerk. Absent: Jean Larson.

- 2. Comments from the Public:** N/A

- 3. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Kent requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Dr. Rosenfeld motioned to approve minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting as amended, and was seconded by Ms. Moody. The chair called for a vote:

P. Kent	aye	L. Rosenfeld	aye
D. Moody	aye	E. Rosenthal	aye
A. Pari	aye		
		E. Simon*	----

The vote passed four in favor, and zero nays or abstentions. *Alternate(s) on the Board.

- 4. Correspondence:** Mr. Kent noted to date nothing has been received.

5. New Business:

- a. At this time, Mr. Kent noted there is nothing to present.

6. Old Business:

Before the Board reviews the notes or updates to the Rules and Regulations, Mr. Kent inquired with Attorney Sue Gruen if there was a need to go into **Executive Session** to review any of the content on a matter that was discussed last month. At this time, Attorney Gruen said nothing to present nor discuss.

- a. Additional review of the Ethics Code and Rules and Regulations – Mr. Kent asked if the Board would like to review the notes and recommendations presented prior to this evening. The Board reviewed and discussed the topic of conflicts involving contracts, subcontracts, kickbacks, gifts, and bribery. Attorney Gruen provided her legal opinion regarding contracts and then the discussion regarding quorum for advisory opinion was reviewed for clarification about votes, voting of a majority versus simple majority; and tribunal needs to be addressed. A discussion where tribunal can consist of three members and have a majority for a vote. The Board of Ethics does not fall within this category.

7. Confidential Session, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-82a and §7-148h:

No request was presented.

If needed, the Board agreed to hold a special meeting for a final review of the Ethics Code and Rules and Regulations, and vote on the final documents before presenting them to the mayor for her review and then to the Town Council for final approval.

8. Adjournment: At 8:17 p.m., Ms. Rosenthal made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by A. Pari. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Patrice A. LeMoine, Commission Clerk