



Board of Ethics

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Central Purpose

- Interpret, provide advice regarding, administer and enforce the City's Governmental Ethics and Campaign Financing Ordinances
- Design and administer regulatory, educational and public disclosure programs mandated by these ordinances
- Promote and seek compliance with the standards embodied in these ordinances

Key Facts

The Board of Ethics trains and provides confidential guidance to City employees, officials, contractors, and members of the public, and administers and enforces the Governmental Ethics and Campaign Financing Ordinances. The board designs and conducts seminars and online ethics training programs, responds to inquiries, investigates or refers complaints and renders legal opinions and determinations regarding these ordinances. The board also oversees the annual filing of Statements of Financial Interests and other publicly available documents by City employees and officials, regulates lobbyists, and enforces the campaign contribution limitations imposed on persons doing or seeking to do business with the City and its sister agencies.

Goals

In 2010, Chicago became one of the few jurisdictions in the country to make "ethics disclosure forms" filed with the Board of Ethics available online (more than 11,000 in 2009 and 10,500 in 2010) for immediate public viewing. In 2011, the City will become the first jurisdiction that enables filers of these forms to actually file online and that makes filed disclosures available on the internet. This will greatly increase government transparency, improve efficiency and accuracy, and promote environmental friendliness.

The board's educational offerings and publications are important factors in explaining the continuous increases in the number of requests for confidential opinions and guidance. The board expects this



upward trend to grow by 30%, from an estimated 5,410 by year's end to 6,915 in 2011, as the Board assumes additional responsibilities working with the Legislative Inspector General as to complaints, investigations and formal adjudications of City Council members and staff.

The board has closely followed the changing legal and regulatory landscape in Illinois and the country on campaign financing, and will continue to aggressively enforce the limitations imposed on contributors under the City's Campaign Financing Ordinance in an election year.

Employees

Full Time Positions	Amount
	7

2011 Budget

Fund	Amount
Corporate Fund	\$598,894

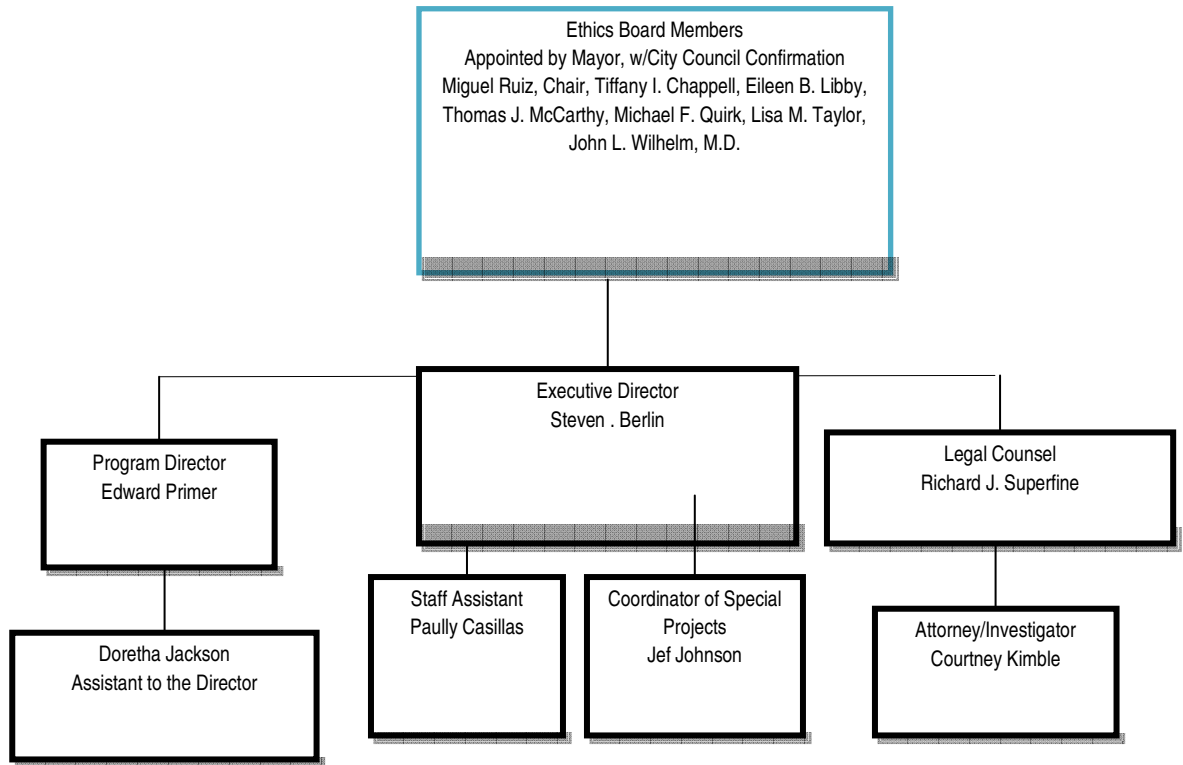
Significant Dates

Event	Date
EFIS system inaugurated—internet-based filing and retrieval of Statements of Financial Interests	3/1/11
2011 Mandatory Ethics training available	3/20/11

Major Contracts

Project	Term
Crowe Horwath—design/build/implement EFIS system	03/11

Organizational Chart



Facility Locations

Location	Address	Suite	Zip	Phone	Hours
Board of Ethics	740 North Sedgwick Avenue .	500	60654	312-744-9660	8:30-4:30