

BOARD OF ETHICS
Open Session Minutes
June 18, 2008 - 3:16 p.m.
740 North Sedgwick, Suite 500

Board Members Present

Miguel A. Ruiz, Chair
Alison C. Chisolm
Thomas McCarthy
Michael F. Quirk
John L. Wilhelm, M.D.

Staff Present

Steven I. Berlin, Acting Executive Director
Richard J. Superfine, Legal Counsel
Courtney L.D. Kimble, Attorney/Investigator
Edward Primer, Program Director
Pauilly Casillas, Staff Assistant

After a quorum of Board members (Miguel A. Ruiz, absent) assembled, the members present elected Michael Quirk to act as Chair *Pro Tem* for the June meeting of the Board of Ethics.

I. Approval of Minutes

The Board VOTED 4-0 (Miguel A. Ruiz, absent) to approve the Open Session minutes of the May 14, 2008 meeting.

II. Chair's Report

None.

III. Acting Executive Director's Report

A. Education-Classes

Since the last Board meeting, staff has conducted 2 regularly scheduled classes for persons required to attend ethics training. On May 22, 24 persons attended, and on June 5, 25 attended. There are currently 23 scheduled for class on June 19, and 28 for July 10.

On June 6, staff gave a 90 minute ethics presentation to 112 employees of prime and sub-contractors of the O'Hare Modernization Project, at the request of OMP's Executive Director. Staff will make another presentation to OMP contractors on July 11.

On June 16, staff gave a 90 minute presentation to psychiatrists employed by the Department of Public Health, at the request of the Commissioner of the Department. The session focused on outside employment and gift issues.

On July 1, staff will give a 90 minute presentation to the staff of the 20th Ward office, at the request of Alderman Cochran.

B. Mandatory Annual Ethics Education

The 2008 aldermanic program was moved into production on June 11.

As of today at 2:55 p.m., approximately 23,711 City employees and 2 aldermen have completed their 2008 on-line training. According to departmental training plans, the City is right on course as to where it should be in mid-June. This is approximately 65% of the City's full-time workforce.

C. Advisory Opinions

I am very pleased to announce that redacted versions of all advisory opinions issued directly by the Board since its inception in 1986 have been posted on the agency's website. There are nearly 500 opinions, all indexed by subject matter. My thanks and congratulations go to Jef Johnson for his hard work in making this possible.

D. Statements of Financial Interests

As of today at 2:30 p.m., there remain 116 employees and 16 appointed officials required to file by May 31, 2008 who have not yet filed. To date, the Board has collected \$7,240 in late filing fees for the 2008 filing year.

E. Lobbyist Registration

There are currently **578** lobbyists that have registered with the City for 2008. To date in 2008, **\$118,200.00** in lobbyist registration fees have been deposited with the Department of Revenue.

F. Illinois Freedom of Information Act

Since the last regularly scheduled Board meeting, the office has received five requests under the Freedom of Information Act, for FORTY-EIGHT records of lobbyists and SEVENTEEN statements of financial interests filed by employees. This resulted in copying and production of TWENTY-THREE records.

IV. Old Business

None.

The Board VOTED 4-0 (Miguel A. Ruiz, absent) to adjourn into Executive Session at 3:22 p.m. to review matters concerning the conduct of employees and officials of the City that could result in their discipline or dismissal, to review questions concerning matters of professional ethics and performance, to review matters in which litigation is ongoing, and/or to review matters in which the Board finds that litigation against or affecting the Board is probable or imminent.