

**MINUTES OF THE
MACOMB COUNTY ETHICS BOARD
Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

A meeting of the Macomb County Ethics Board was held Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., in the Talmer Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 120 North Main Street, Mount Clemens, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amboyer called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Members were present:

Dr. Donald Amboyer, Ms. Dorie Vazquez-Nolan, Ms. Anne Rescoe

The following Members were excused:

Dr. Betty Youngblood

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Valerie Schave, Macomb County Finance, Recording Secretary

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION

*A motion was made by Ms. Vazquez-Nolan, supported by Ms. Rescoe to adopt the Agenda as presented. **The motion carried.***

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (five minutes per speaker on agenda topics only)

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2022

MOTION

*A motion was made by Ms. Vazquez-Nolan, supported by Ms. Rescoe to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022 as presented. **The motion carried.***

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ethics Board Member Vacancy

Chair Amboyer advised that Deputy County Executive Al Lorenzo is working on finding a replacement for Mr. Blackburn to fill the current vacancy on the Board.

B. Ethics Complaint 03-2022

Chair Amboyer reminded the Board of the last action taken on this complaint. They had scheduled a hearing for a date in January, but in December the respondent's employment with the County had been terminated. Chair Amboyer then issued a letter that the complaint had been closed, but unfortunately he only had the respondent's work address. He received a phone call from the respondent indicating that he had appeared for the hearing that had been scheduled in January. Chair Amboyer left a message that the hearing no longer had to be held due to his separation from the County and that the Ethics Board has no more involvement with this matter.

C. Other

Since Mr. Blackburn's resignation in December, the Board must name a new Secretary.

MOTION

*A motion was made by Chair Amboyer, supported by Ms. Vazquez-Nolan, to nominate Ms. Rescoe as the new Board Secretary. **The motion carried.** Ms. Rescoe accepted the nomination.*

NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft 2022 Ethics Board Annual Report

Chair Amboyer noted that a draft of the Annual Report had been sent via email to all Board members. Ms. Vazquez-Nolan had made some edits and Chair Amboyer incorporated those into a second draft. He provided copies of this updated draft to the Board members today. The Board discussed a few additional minor edits.

MOTION

*A motion was made by Ms. Vazquez-Nolan, supported by Ms. Rescoe to present the final draft of the report to the Board of Commissioners. **The motion carried.***

Chair Amboyer will send the electronic version of the final report to Ms. Schave and she will add the signature page and cover letter before distributing to Chairman Brown of the Board of Commissioners, County Executive Hackel and County department heads.

B. Board of Ethics for the City of Detroit Sponsored Conference

Chair Amboyer encouraged the other Board members to complete the survey they had received from Ms. Cristal Phillips the Executive Director for the Board of Ethics for the City of Detroit. He hoped that they would be all able to attend the conference in May and noted that it was scheduled for the same day as their regular monthly meeting. They would likely cancel that meeting and reschedule if there was pressing business to conduct that month. Ms. Vazquez-Nolan suggested that the other Board members also check out the Board of Ethics for the City of Detroit's website as it contains a lot of information that they might find interesting.

C. Other

Chair Amboyer advised that he will not be able to make the April meeting as currently scheduled. Ms. Vazquez-Nolan indicated she may also have a conflict. They will wait to see if there is any business to conduct and possibly reschedule the meeting to another date or cancel if there is no pressing business.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (five minutes per speaker on any ethics related topic only)

None

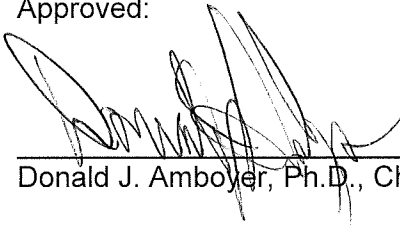
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

*A motion was made by Ms. Vazquez-Nolan, supported by Ms. Rescoe to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 a.m. **The motion carried.***

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 - 8:30 A.M.

Approved:



Donald J. Amboyer, Ph.D., Chairperson



Anne Rescoe, Secretary

