



CITY OF DOVER

ETHICS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Meeting Room #2
Meeting Date: **Monday, March 3, 2008**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm with Chairman Charles Reynolds presiding.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Commissioners Reynolds, Forbes, Lariviere, Sterndale, Stolzenburg, Alternate Commissioner Blanchette. No members of the public were present.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Lariviere, Seconded by Forbes, that the agenda be approved as distributed. Motion carried.

4. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Lariviere, seconded by Stolzenburg that the minutes of December 3, 2007 meeting be approved. The names of three mock hearing volunteers were added and the minutes were approved as amended..

6. Unfinished Business

A. Chairman Reynolds has spoken with the Mayor about commissioners' terms expiring. The chairman reports that the Mayor told him that all current members and alternates will be reappointed. There are still alternate seats vacant, and commissioners are encouraged to solicit interested residents to apply for the commission.

B. Commissioners Stolzenburg and Blanchette have not yet established city email accounts.

7. New Business

A. Review of Ethics Ordinance

Chairman Reynolds explained that he had spoken with the Mayor about possible changes to the Ordinance governing ethics matters, and that the Mayor was receptive to hearing suggested changes from the commission. A general discussion of the charter, ordinance, and commission rules ensued. The following topics were among those raised for discussion:

- The process being too complicated and intimidating for the average citizen to use
- The potential of adding city employees to the purview of the commission
- Simplification of complaint forms
- Contradictions or inconsistencies between the charter and ordinance



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- Reviewed the procedural calendar for complaints and hearings
- Clarifying language in several chapters of the ordinance
- The role of the commission relative to the school board

Commissioner Lariviere agreed to draft language of suggested changes and distribute them to the commission prior to the next meeting.

8. Concerns of the Commission

- Officers will need to be elected at an upcoming meeting
- The commission should discuss its role in educating city board and commissions
- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 7, 2008.

Motion to Adjourn by Sterndale, seconded by Stolzenburg. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Sterndale, Clerk