

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS (2017-2018)**

Pursuant to Sec. 2-582 of the City of Racine Code of Ethics, the Board of Ethics submits this report to the Mayor and Common Council.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The Code of Ethics of the City of Racine requires that all elected city officials and designated city employees file a Statement of Economic Interests. All appointed officers who serve on city boards, committees and commissions without salary are required to file a certification that the officer has received a copy of the laws and ordinances related to conduct prohibited in the state and city codes of ethics and that he or she has read such provisions and agrees to abide by the applicable standards of conduct. It is the responsibility of the Board of Ethics to develop the necessary forms, provide them to officers and employees, and monitor filing of the completed forms.

In the 2017-2018 report period, all elected officials and designated employees filed the required Statement of Economic Interests. All nonsalaried appointees who were appointed in the 2017-2018 reporting period signed the required certification.

### **DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS**

The Code of Ethics authorizes the Board of Ethics to receive and act upon complaints alleging violations of the Code of Ethics. Three complaints were received

during the 2017-2018 reporting period. The Board of Ethics declined to accept them because they were not verified as required by Sec. 2-5849b0 of the Racine Code of Ethics.

**DISPOSITION OF REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION**

The Code of Ethics authorizes the Board of Ethics to answer requests for advisory opinions regarding application of the Code of Ethics. The Board received one request for an advisory opinion in the 2017-2018 reporting period. The Board deferred action on the request until a related court case has been resolved.

**BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERSHIP**

The Board of Ethics was composed of the following members for the period covered by this report:

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Term expires:</u></b>
Lincoln Murphy	May 1, 2018
Mary Wyant (chair)	May 1, 2019
Tony Martinez	May 1, 2020
Robert Mozol	May 1, 2021
Ernest J. Ni'A	May 1, 2023

There is one open seat on the Board of Ethics, for the term ending on May 1, 2020, due to the resignation of Norma Maldonado.

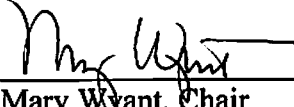
In addition, the board has been staffed by City Attorney Scott Letteney, City Clerk Janice Johnson-Martin and Assistant City Clerk Tara McMenammin. They have done outstanding work for the board.

SUMMARY

Administration of the reporting and certification requirements of the Code of Ethics was accomplished smoothly and successfully in 2017-2018. The Board of Ethics is privileged to assist in implementing the city Code of Ethics.

Date: 4/26/2018

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Mary Wyant, Chair