

Minutes of Ethics Hearing Board – Special Meeting by Teleconference

May 10, 2017
Room 328, City-County Bldg.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Present:

Amy McCall
Sister Janice Vanderneck
John Burkoff
Jeanette Ho
Patrick Bigley
Lynn Davenport

Linda King, Executive Manager
Lourdes Sanchez-Ridge, City Solicitor
Shannon Overholt, Investigator
Matt Stidle, Esquire

- The meeting was initiated by conference call in Room 328 of the City-County Building, with each of the board members in attendance joining concurrently. The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.
- **Initial Comments**
 - The board members in attendance identified themselves for the record. It was acknowledged that teleconferencing was an acceptable method of conducting this public meetings and that notice of this special meeting had been posted on the website 24 hours in advance. No members of the public were present.
- **Issuance of fines for failing to file Campaign Finance Forms**
 - After a brief discussion, Amy McCall called for a motion to issue a tentative fine to candidates who did not file any campaign finance forms this election cycle. All members said aye, none were opposed and the motion was carried.
- **Delegation of Authority to make a factual determination of Campaign Finance violations**
 - The Board discussed granting the Executive Manager (a) authority to determine which individual candidates failed to file their reports and would therefore be subject to the tentative fine and (b) the responsibility to notify the subjects of their violation and their right to appeal and

request a hearing. A motion was made to delegate to the Executive Manager the authority as outlined above. All members said aye, none were opposed and the motion was carried.

- The Board addressed the fact that the ordinance treats candidates and their committees as separate entities, implying that fines should be issued separately. Upon discussion, it was determined that candidates and their committees would be treated as one entity for this election cycle, however the issue would be revisited for future elections.
 - There was a motion made that the amount of the tentative fine, for this election cycle, would be in the amount of \$1000.00 for any candidate who did not file any campaign finance reports this election cycle. John Burkoff so moved, Pat Bigley seconds the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.
 - It is determined that the Executive Manager will send a letter to each candidate who is in violation of the ordinance and eligible to be fined, with the opportunity to contest the fine and request a hearing in front of the board.
- **Comments and Announcements**
 - Amy McCall asked members whether there were any additional concerns or announcements. There were none. Amy McCall asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted unanimously in favor to approve.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on June 1, 2017 in Room 646 City-County Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Minutes prepared by Shannon Overholt and reviewed by Linda King