

**OCEAN CITY ETHICS BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013 – 3:00 PM
OCEAN CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ROOM B-116**

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Mullen; Mr. Pszczolkowski; Mr. Worrell; Chair Ms. Farrell.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Ms. Farrell, Chairwoman. The Recording Secretary announced the meeting had been advertised according to Public Law 1972, Chapter 231.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

REORGANIZATION

Ms. Farrell asked for a nomination from the floor for Chairperson of the Ethics Board. Mr. Pszczolkowski nominated Ms. Farrell, Mr. Worrell seconded the motion. All ayes followed.

Ms. Farrell then asked for a nomination from the floor for Vice Chair. Mr. Worrell made a motion to nominate Mr. Pszczolkowski, Mr. Mullen seconded the motion, all ayes followed.

Ms. Farrell asked Board members if there was anyone who would not be able to attend any of the 2013 scheduled meetings at this time due to the lack of membership. Mr. Worrell said he would not be able to attend the February meeting. Ms. Farrell said there was the possibility of cancelling the February meeting due to a lack of quorum. Ms. Farrell asked for a motion to adopt calendar dates for 2013. Mr. Mullen made a motion seconded by Mr. Worrell. All ayes followed.

Ms. Farrell then asked for a motion to adopt the Open Session Minutes of the December 18th, 2012 meeting. Mr. Pszczolkowski made a motion seconded by Mr. Mullen. All ayes followed.

Ms. Farrell asked for a motion to adopt the Closed Session Minutes of December 18, 2012. Motion moved by Mr. Worrell, seconded by Mr. Mullen. All ayes followed.

PENDING BUSINESS

Ms. Farrell asked for clarification on the final date of the Mullineaux appeal. Mr. Pszczolkowski said the final date is December 29, 2012 when records would become available to the public except for attorney, client privilege information. Mr. Farrell offered to contact Ms. White for a further explanation and information on the release of documents to public.

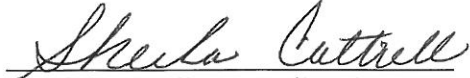
Ms. Farrell advised Board members they would continue to review the "Adopted Rules and Complaint Procedures" that were discussed at the December meeting. Mr. Worrell stated he had concerns that the Ethics Board members are working diligently on these policy procedures and it was a possibility that the Mayor would not fill the positions that are vacant. Ms. Farrell said it wasn't the Mayor's decision, the members are appointed by Council. Ms. Farrell said she would approach Mr. Allegretto, Council President again and ask what the status of advertising for the vacant positions on the Board. Mr. Worrell said he feels it is insulting to the Board that the Council is not filling the vacant positions.

The Board continued to review the policy and procedure document. Ms. White provided an email to Ms. Farrell offering legal advice to the board for changes to the document.

Ms. Farrell said once the Board has completed the document it would be submitted to the Local Finance for their review and approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

Ms. Farrell asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Worrell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mullen. All ayes followed. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheila Cottrell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sheila Cottrell, Recording Secretary