

The Ethics Review Board
City of New Orleans

Tuesday, August 25, 2009
10:30 A.M.

Loyola University New Orleans, Danna Student Center
2nd Floor, Octavia II

- Present: Rev. Kevin Wildes, S. J.; Chair, Rev. Cornelius Tilton, Vice Chair;
Elizabeth Nalty, Secretary; and Professor Kathryn Lorio
- Excused: Dean Winston Brown, Mrs. Leah Chase, and Dr. Beverly Favre
- Guests: David Marcello, Executive Director to the Tulane Public Law Center;
Leonard Odom, Interim IG; and Jill Poutré, Executive Director to ERB

Rev. Kevin Wildes called the meeting to order at 10:50 A.M.

Rev. Wildes asked if the Board approved last meeting's minutes. Kathryn Lorio stated her name was spelled incorrectly on the second page of the minutes and Jill Poutré said she would make the appropriate corrections. Rev. Cornelius Tilton moved to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2009 meeting, Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Rev. Wildes introduced the next agenda item, ERB officer elections. Elizabeth Nalty stated that the ERB is at a crucial point and asked Rev. Wildes if he was willing to remain Chair of the Board for another year and asked Rev. Tilton if he was willing to continue serving as Vice Chair. Ms. Nalty also stated that if both Rev. Wildes and Rev. Tilton are willing to serve, Rev. Wildes should include Rev. Tilton even more in the daily activities of the ERB. Rev. Wildes and Rev. Tilton both stated they were willing to continue on in their current positions. Kathryn Lorio made a motion to maintain the same officers as the previous year, Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Rev. Tilton moved that, should Kathryn Lorio be willing, to refer received complaints to Mrs. Lorio to research whether they are covered by the City's Ethics Code. Rev. Wildes seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Jill Poutré presented the Ethics Review Board's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010.

Jill Poutré presented the Ethics Review Board's new website.

Rev. Wildes made a motion to enter executive session in order to discuss general counsel and inspector general candidates' qualifications and character, Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed

The Board entered into executive session at 11:06 A.M.

Rev. Tilton moved to resume open session, Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

The Board resumed open session at 12:26 P.M.

Rev. Tilton moved that the Ethics Review Board interview Regina Bartholomew, William Farley, Deborah Foshee, and Steven Scheckman for the general counsel position, and to have staff conduct reference checks. Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Rev. Wildes made a motion to interview Edouard Quatrevaux, Arthur Sinai, and Gary Weishaar for the inspector general position and to have staff conduct reference checks. Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Because the application process was not yet closed, Kathryn Lorio moved to have any additional applicants, received by the deadline, viewed by the Executive Committee to decide whether or not to interview the additional candidates. Rev. Tilton seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Interim Inspector General Leonard Odom introduced the new Deputy for Audit and Review and announced that Neely Moody was just selected to be the City's first Police Monitor. Mr. Odom passed out the 2010 Audit and Inspections Plans as is required by the OIG prior to September 1 of each year.

There being no further business to discuss, Kathryn Lorio moved to adjourn, Rev. Tilton seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.