

The Ethics Review Board
City of New Orleans

Tuesday, December 1, 2009
2:30 P.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; Professor Kathryn Lorio

Excused: Mrs. Leah Chase and Dr. Beverly Favre

Guests: Steven Scheckman, General Counsel to ERB; Jill Poutré, Executive
Director to ERB; and Edouard Quatrevaux, IG

Rev. Kevin Wildes called the meeting to order.

The approval of minutes from the November 3, 2009, meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

Rev. Tilton made a motion to enter into executive session in order to consider matters deemed confidential pursuant to La. R.S. 42:6.1. Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Professor Kathryn Lorio made a motion to resume open session, Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Steven Scheckman provided a summary of the draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the ERB and OIG. A couple of members asked if education, a mechanism for budget negotiation, appointing authority's review of employees, and additional confidentiality language should be included in the MOU. Fr. Wildes suggested including the additional information and resending the document to the ERB.

Jill Poutré discussed the necessity for the Ethics Review Board to move into an office separate from the Office of Inspector General. The ERB staff visited multiple office spaces and found that space was available in 1340 Poydras which provided the best location, the second to best price, and required the least renovations. The staff requested the ERB allow them to move forward with negotiations. Lorio moved to have the ERB staff proceed with negotiations, Tilton seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Rev. Kevin Wildes asked Edouard Quatrevaux to update the ERB on the OIG. Mr. Quatrevaux mentioned that the OIG hopes to hear something from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor by the end of December and he informed the board that the budget hearing with the City Council went well.

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

