

The Ethics Review Board
City of New Orleans

Tuesday, April 6, 2010
2:30 P.M.

Xavier University of Louisiana
Xavier South Bldg. Room 600
909 South Jefferson Davis Parkway
New Orleans, Louisiana 70125

Present: Rev. Kevin Wildes, Chair; Rev. Cornelius Tilton, Vice Chair; Elizabeth Nalty, Secretary; Okyeame Haley; Professor Kathryn Lorio

Staff Present: Steven Scheckman, General Counsel to ERB

Guests: Edouard Quatrevaux, IG

Rev. Kevin Wildes called the meeting to order at 2:40 P.M.

Cornelius Tilton moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2010, meeting. Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Inspector General Edouard Quatrevaux presented the Board with the 2009 OIG Annual Report and discussed the highlights from Annual Report. In response to a question, he further advised that it is not uncommon for IG offices around the country to at times have disagreements with the executive branch of government but that he expects full cooperation from the incoming administration although he recognizes there may, at times, be professional disagreements. Inspector General Quatrevaux further reported that the Independent Police Monitor (IPM) finalists will be interviewed on April 21-23, 2010 at various community settings in New Orleans.

Steven Scheckman provided an update concerning the progress of securing a lease for the ERB Offices to be located in the Amoco Building. He advised that the status quo reported at the March 2, 2010 meeting continues (other buildings managed by the leasing agent, Regis, allegedly owe back taxes and therefore the City has not approved the lease) and progress continues to be stalled.

Steven Scheckman presented the Board with the OIG & ERB Subpoena Process and Recommended Protocol which has been approved by the Civil District Court and will provide a temporary solution to the subpoena authority problem until a legislative remedy is secured.

Steven Scheckman further reported that HB 791, regarding exceptions to the public records act, will be heard by the House and Governmental Affairs Committee on April 7, 2010 and he and Inspector General Edouard Quatrevaux will appear and testify in support of the bill. He further advised that HB 1113, regarding appeals from local ethics boards, will be heard by the House Judiciary Committee, on April 8, 2010. He further directed

the Board's attention to HB 670 which will also permit home rule charter parishes in excess of four hundred thousand to establish local ethics entities.

Cornelius Tilton moved to approve the ERB's 2009 Annual Report. Kathryn Lorio seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Steven Scheckman advised that he and Okyeame Haley would soon meet to study and propose revisions to the ERB Rules.

Steven Scheckman informed the Board that the ERB homepage on its website has been revamped.

Elizabeth Nalty advised the Board that on May 11, 2010, at 6:30 P.M., there will be an Inspector General's Community Forum which will be held at the Xavier University Student Center.

Cornelius Tilton made a motion to enter into executive session, Okyeame Haley seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

The Board entered into executive session at 3:40 P.M.

Cornelius Tilton made a motion to resume open session, Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

The Board resumed open session at 5:10 P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.