

The Ethics Review Board  
City of New Orleans

Tuesday, March 1, 2011  
2:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers  
City of New Orleans  
1300 Perdido Street  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Present: Rev. Cornelius Tilton, Chair; Betsy Nalty, Vice-Chair; Okyeame Haley, Secretary; Michael Cowan

Absent: Pastor Antoine Barriere

Staff Present: Steven Scheckman, General Counsel to ERB

Guests: Edouard Quatrevaux, IG

Rev. Cornelius Tilton called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M.

Betsy Nalty moved to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2011, meeting. Michael Cowan seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Inspector General Edouard Quatrevaux advised the Board that since the last meeting the OIG has engaged in the following activity:

- He spoke to the LA Multi-Parish Tax Commission on the topic of conflicts of interest.
- He also met with a group of diplomats from African countries whose interests are in establishing transparency and honesty in their governments.
- And he spoke about the OIG's progress at a "networking session" hosted by the World Trade Center.

Inspector General Edouard Quatrevaux further reported that the OIG continues to work on the projects outlined in its Strategic Plan, as well as some that are prompted by new information. He further informed the ERB that the OIG will be issuing a number of draft reports prior to the next ERB meeting, including a draft report on the donations audit. Preliminarily, he advised, the City deposited almost \$2 million into the General Fund, where it was commingled with other funds and lost its identity. The former mayor created America's New Orleans Fund, which appears to have granted the Greater New Orleans Foundation something over a million dollars, which appears to have been used for health

clinics. And the City deposited about \$600,000 into the miscellaneous donations account, and about \$300,000 of that remains today.

Okyeame Haley moved to approve the ERB Annual Report for FY 2010. Elizabeth Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed. Copies will be distributed to the Mayor and City Council and will also be available on the ERB website.

Michael Cowan moved to adopt the proposed revisions to the Ethics Board Rules. Betsy Nalty seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

Michael Cowan moved that the ERB establish the following minimum qualifications for the hiring of the new Executive Director of the ERB:

The ERB Executive Director shall have: strong organizational and administrative skills; superior written and verbal communications skills with a writing sample required to be considered for the position; experience in the development of an education curriculum; and, experience in successfully teaching and training adults. A minimum of a bachelor degree is required and a masters or other advanced degree is preferred.

Betsy Nalty made a motion to enter into executive session, Michael Cowan seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

The Board entered into executive session at 3:00 P.M.

Michael Cowan made a motion to resume open session, Okyeame Haley seconded, all were in favor – motion passed.

The Board resumed open session at 4:05 P.M.

Rev. Cornelius Tilton requested that Michael Cowan serve as the point person or conduit on the ERB for the development of an ethics education curriculum in anticipation of the hiring of a new Executive Director. Rev. Cornelius Tilton further requested that Okyeame Haley serve as the point person or conduit on the ERB for updating the ethics laws for the City of New Orleans.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.