

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST LOCAL ETHICS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9, 2022**

A meeting of the Local Ethics Commission was held on March 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room at the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue.

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Assistant to the Village Administrator Pape noted that the meeting was occurring telephonically, as well as in person, as permitted by the State of Illinois State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Illinois Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chair Daley and Commissioner Ignoffo

Absent: Commissioner Senat.

Also Present: Assistant to the Village Administrator Jon Pape, Village Attorney Greg Smith.

**II. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments were heard.

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Ignoffo and SECONDED by Chair Daley to approve the meeting minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting of the Local Ethics Commission as presented.

AYES: Commissioner Ignoffo and Chair Daley.

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Continued Discussion Regarding Review of Ethics Code**

Village Attorney Greg Smith reviewed the substantive changes made in the draft that was included in the Commission's meeting packet. The Commission discussed the changes. It was clarified that the Village and Commission shall keep confidential the complaint during the review period.

The Commission discussed the use of "probably cause" and ultimately decided that it preferred to use reasonable grounds, reasonable cause, or reasonable standard in its place as to separate it from the criminal definition of probably cause. Village Attorney Smith noted that this change would be made. The Commission discussed the "review criteria". Commissioner Ignoffo said he preferred that the name "review criteria" not be used and that it be called something else. The Commission agreed that

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some statement or reason for why a complaint was dismissed should be articulated, documenting why it was dismissed.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees Regarding Revisions to the Village's Ethics Code**

No business was heard for this item.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Ignoffo and SECONDED by Chair Daley to approve a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees that the draft revisions to the Village's Ethics Code be adopted as presented, to include the changes discussed which will be made by the Village Attorney, subject to approval by the Chair.

AYES: Commissioner Ignoffo and Chair Daley.

NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that the draft would be completed by Village Attorney Smith to include the changes, sent to Chair Daley for approval, and then forwarded to the Village Board of Trustees for consideration. The Commission determined that no future meeting date need be set at this time.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION was made by Chair Daley and SECONDED by Commissioner Ignoffo to adjourn the March 9, 2022 meeting of the Local Ethics Commission at 6:27 p.m.

AYES: Commissioner Ignoffo and Chair Daley.

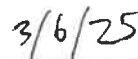
NAYS: None.

Motion Passes.

Minutes prepared by Assistant to the Village Administrator Jon Pape.



Matt Walsh  
Village Administrator



Date