

Minutes

Debarment Review Board

March 30, 2016, 2:00 PM

2079 E. Ninth Street, 4th Floor – Committee Room B
Cleveland, OH 44115

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM.

2. Roll Call

Attending:

Brandon Cox

Roland Demonte

Sunny Simon

3. Election of Interim Chair

Sunny Simon motioned to nominate Roland Demonte as interim Chair of the Debarment Review Board; Brandon Cox seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Review and Approval of the Minutes (12/23/15 meeting)

Brandon Cox motioned to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2015 meeting as written; Roland Demonte seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Old Business – *none* –

7. Miscellaneous Business

a. Board Chair position

The Board discussed potential options toward resolving the conflict between the County Code sections that govern Board compensation and Chairperson qualifications, and the PERS health benefit rules. Retaining the Chair qualifications, while eliminating compensation for all members was considered. However, members agreed that there is a limited pool from which to recruit someone who meets the code-required qualification that the Board Chair be a retired judge. Discussion shifted to the possibility of eliminating the requirement that the Chair be a retired judge. They acknowledged that having a judge in the Chair position during the Board's start-up period – especially for the initial hearings – was critical, but not as essential going forward. Board members agreed that the preferred course of action would be to amend section 205.06(A)(1) of the County Code governing Chair qualifications. The revised qualifications for the Chair position should include:

- Licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio;
- 5 years of experience as an attorney;
- Litigation and/or appellate experience

In addition, Board members agreed that the Chair position should be compensated.

Mike King agreed to develop draft legislation for the Board's review prior to the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Sunny Simon motioned to adjourn; Brandon Cox seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 2:30 p.m.

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December 23, 2015, 1:15 PM

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1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 PM

2. Roll Call

Attending:

Judge Tim McMonagle, Chair

Evan Byron

Brandon Cox

Roland Demonte

Absent:

Sunny Simon

3. Public Comment

Pamela M. Pinkney Butts provided comment on agencies that the Inspector General should consider for potential debarment.

4. Review and Approval of the Minutes (10/28/15 meeting)

The minutes from the October 28, 2015 Debarment Review Board meeting were unanimously approved, as written.

5. Old Business

a. Rules of Procedure

The Board turned its attention to the draft Rules of Procedure. The County's Inspector General (IG) had submitted written comment to the Clerk via email on Section 19 of the Rules, which specifically prohibits the IG from filing a motion for reconsideration during a debarment proceeding. He requested that the Board remove the prohibition against reconsideration for the County AIG. Board members agreed that this request was reasonable, and unanimously agreed upon revisions to sections 18 and 19, implementing this change.

6. Miscellaneous Business

Judge McMonagle updated Board members on the effort to get clarification from OPERS on the potential conflict between retirement benefits and the Board Chair position.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.