

MINUTES OF THE ETHICS BOARD

City Hall Council Chambers, 1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Judge Cheryl Young

Roll Call –

Present: Judge Cheryl Young, Alderperson Lori Stenstrup, Mike Werner (arrived @ 5:40pm), Jeanne Young, Cary Yudes, Helen Weber, Marsha Present, and Attorney Calvert

Also Present: Alderperson Darrell Anderson, Alderperson Casey Sowle, other interested parties, and Accounts Payable Clerk Nicole Sauve as recording secretary

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: WEBER / J. YOUNG Motion to approve the agenda as presented for the Ethics Board meeting on December 18th, 2025. Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: J. YOUNG / YUDES Motion to approve the minutes as presented for the Ethics Board meeting on October 30th, 2025. Voice Vote: 6 ayes M/C

Discussion/Action/Recommendation of the Following:

a. Hearing on Written Complaint Received 09/02/2025:

1. **Statement of issues and rules by the chairperson-** Judge Cheryl Young reviewed the process of the hearing and the points of the probable causes.
2. **Brief factual summaries, if any, by both sides, limited to 5 minutes maximum-** Alderperson Darrell Anderson made his opening statement. Alderperson Casey Sowle made his opening statement.
3. **Presentation of testimony and the introduction of evidence by the complainant to substantiate the complaint-** Judge Cheryl Young swore in Alderperson Darrel Anderson. Alderperson Darrell Anderson did not call any witnesses, or submit evidence, and gave his testimony.
4. **Cross examination of witnesses by the respondent-** Alderperson Casey Sowle cross examined Alderperson Darrell Anderson.
5. **One additional opportunity to question witnesses by complainant-** No witnesses to question.
6. **One additional opportunity to cross-examine witnesses by the respondent-** No witnesses to cross-examine.
7. **Presentation of testimony and the introduction of evidence by the respondent to defend against the complaint-** Judge Cheryl Young swore in Alderperson Casey Sowle. Alderperson Casey Sowle did not call any witnesses, or submit evidence, and gave his testimony.
8. **Cross-examination of witnesses by the complainant-** Alderperson Darrell Anderson did not cross examine Alderperson Casey Sowle.
9. **One additional opportunity to question witnesses by the respondent-** No witnesses to cross question.
10. **One additional opportunity to cross-examine witnesses by the complainant-** No witnesses to cross-examine.

11. Brief closing arguments by each side, limited to 5 minutes maximum- Alderperson Darrell Anderson made his closing statement. Alderperson Casey Sowle made his closing statement.

Closed Session – Board voted at 6:05p.m. to convene into Closed Session pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(f) for considering disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems, or the investigation of charges against specific persons for the items:

1. The Board shall deliberate in closed session. (Complainant, Respondent, and all others shall be excused from Closed Session.)

MOTION: WERNER / PRESENT *Motion to convene into closed session at 6:05pm.*

Voice Vote: 7 ayes **M/C**

Open Session- Board voted to reconvene into Open Session at 6:40 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given and as allowed by Wis. Stat. 19.85(2) for discussion/recommendation from Closed Session.

MOTION: WERNER / YUDES *Motion to reconvene into open session at 6:40pm.*

Voice Vote: 7 ayes **M/C**

Action/Discussion on Matters from Closed Session- The Ethics Board determined the matters in the paragraphs from the complaint and response filed, that no ethical violations occurred.

Adjournment – **MOTION: J. YOUNG / STENSTRUP** *Motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm.*

Voice Vote: 7 ayes **M/C**

Minutes submitted by Accounts Payable Clerk Nicole Sauve