



CITY OF  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

ETHICS BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

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## AGENDA

### MEMBERS:

SUZANNE KEEL-ECKMANN, CHAIR  
SCOTT WILDER                      MARADEL GALE  
INGRID BILLIES                      BRIAN STRULLY

### COUNCIL LIAISON:

SARAH BLOSSOM

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 PM
2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
4. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING NOTES – FEBRUARY 22, 2019
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. OPEN GOVERNMENT TRAINING – DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY ROBBIE SEPLER
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
8. 2018 ANNUAL REPORT/ 2019 WORK PLAN
9. 2018-04 DETERMINATION REMAND
10. ADVISORY OPINION REQUESTS:
  - A. 2019-03 TIRMAN
  - B. 2019-04 PELTIER
  - C. 2019-06 DEETS
11. COMPLAINTS:
  - A. 2019-02 MCBRYAN
  - B. 2019-05 SCHULZE
12. RECEIPT OF PELTIER LETTER TO ETHICS BOARD
13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA
14. NEXT MEETING DATE: APRIL 15, 2019
15. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 PM

## **COBI ETHICS BOARD**

Special Meeting  
February 22, 2019

### Minutes

1. Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Scott Wilder, Maradel Gale, Suzanne Keel-Eckmann, Ingrid Billies, and Joe Deets, Council representative. Members of the public attending: Nancy Fortner, Bob Fortner, Sarah Sydor, Steve Kersten, Mary Clare Kersten.
2. Changes or Additions to Agenda. After Item 12, Suzanne would like to discuss the study session from the City Council meeting.
3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest. None.
4. Minutes of the January 2019 meeting were accepted as submitted.
5. Communications. Suzanne spoke with Scott and Maradel with regard to getting up to speed with new role as Chair, as well as Joe Levan, Christine Brown, Robbie Sepler, Joe Deets, Kol Medina. Maradel met with Brian Strully, Scott spoke with Robbie Sepler.
6. Public Comment. Ron Peltier gave a summary of the Conflict of Interest complaint directed at him and wants to know how the Board arrived at their determination. No other comments from members of the public.
7. Remand Ethics Complaint 2018-04. The Ethics Board has not ever had a remand. Suzanne spoke at length with Joe Levan regarding this. Scott is drafting the remand response. Scott is confident the response will be drafted by the March 18 Ethics Board meeting.
8. Tirman Advisory Opinion Request. Maradel led a discussion of this Advisory Opinion Request. The Board approves of the draft the way it is written.
9. Advisory Opinion Requests Re: Nassar Property Matter. Maradel recommended that the Board wait to learn about the City Code Compliance and that may resolve the issue and the Board may not address this. The Board agrees with this common-sense approach.
10. Training Update. Scott and Suzanne will give training to the Race Equity Task Force.
11. 2018 Annual Report/2019 Work Plan. These will be presented to the City Council at their March 26 meeting. Maradel will send Scott a bulleted list of work plan items.
12. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda. Proposed changes to the Ethics Code. Request for Advisory Opinion 2019-04. Change or addition item to the Agenda: Suzanne led a discussion regarding the City Council to Modify Ethics Program Article I.
13. Next Meeting Date: March 18, 2019.
14. Adjournment: 6:56 pm.

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Suzanne Keel-Eckmann, Chair

March 11, 2019

from: Ron Peltier  
City of Bainbridge Island Council Member at Large  
rpeltier@bainbridgewa.gov

to: City of Bainbridge Island Ethics Board

Members of the City of Bainbridge Island Ethics Board,

On February 22, 2019 I attended your board meeting to hear the discussion regarding your determination in the McDermott ethics complaint, which had been remanded back to you by the City Council. During your discussion of the remanded determination I was recognized by your Chair, Suzanne Keel-Eckman, and allowed to comment.

At that time I commented that I was appalled that the Ethics Board had made a determination that a material conflict of interest had occurred due to some uncertainty as to whether a direct official action had taken place. I also commented that what I was hearing did not inspire confidence in the Ethics Board.

I would like to apologize for the tone of my comments as well as my choice of words. I could have, and should have, found a better way to express my concerns that was respectful of your work on behalf of the community.

Sincerely,  
Ron Peltier