

Date: February 2, 2021

To: Mayor Lee Kyriacou (mayor@cityofbeacon.org)

From: Board of Ethics

Cc: Mr. Collin Milone, Assistant to the Mayor (cityofbeacon@cityofbeacon.org),
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Sent via Email.

Reference: Meeting Minutes, 2021 Quarter 1 (February 2, 2021)

Dear Mayor Kyriacou,

On Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm, the Board of Ethics met via a Zoom link provided by Colin Milone following are the highlights of our meeting:

- Members were in attendance: Arthur Camins, Phil Greenblatt, and Montos Vakirtzis. Absent Andre Richards.
- There are no new or open submissions that the Board of Ethics is currently aware of.
- The Board discussed the ongoing lack of tasks for Board. Phil Greenblatt looked into other cities and found that with exception of New York City none have received complaints. In NYC a significant volume of complaints go directly to Board result in multiple issue to address. In addition, the NYC Ethics Board has power to impose fines. In contrast, Beacon's board is strictly advisory.

The Board discussed how to make ethics complaints more accessible and transparent. We do not think current process is sufficient. We request a virtual face-to-face meeting with the Mayor to discuss how to make the process more effective.

- Joe Galbo has resigned. We request that the position be filled as soon as possible.
- While unequal access to vaccination is not within the current purview of this membership, we advise that the City of Beacon should take on a more assertive role in communication about access to vaccination programs equity, especially providing continuous updates. Some of this membership is willing to volunteer to support this effort.
- The membership continues questioning if city employees and the public are aware of this board, its purpose and how to engage. This board has not had any issues in the

recent years, and possibly longer. This includes ensuring that employees or anyone from the public have a protected mechanism for submitting a complaint.

Election of Chairperson and Secretary for calendar year 2021:

- Chairperson: **Montos Vakirtzis**
- Secretary: **Arthur Camins**

Respectfully submitted by: **Montos Vakirtzis, Chairman**

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