

Date: **September 9, 2021**

To: **Mayor Lee Kyriacou** (mayor@beaconny.gov)

From: **Board of Ethics**

Cc: **Collin Milone**, Assistant to the Mayor (cityofbeacon@beaconny.gov),
Amanda Caputo, Deputy City Clerk (deputyclerk@beaconny.gov),
Arthur Camins, Board of Ethics Secretary, (acamins@beaconny.gov),
Cesar Gonzales (cgonzales@beaconny.gov),
Phil Greenblatt, (pgreenblatt@beaconny.gov),
Andre Richards, (arichards@beaconny.gov),
Montos Vakirtzis, Board of Ethics Chair (mvakirtzis@beaconny.gov)

Sent via Email.

Reference: **Meeting Minutes, 2021 Quarter 3 (Sep. 9, 2021)**

Dear Mayor Kyriacou,

On Thursday, September 3, 2021, at 7:00 pm, the Board of Ethics met via a Zoom web call. The following are the highlights of our meeting:

- The following members were in attendance: Arthur Camins, Phil Greenblatt, Andre Richards, and Montos Vakirtzis. The following members were absent: Cesar Gonzales.
- There are no new or open submissions that the Board of Ethics is currently aware of.
- On Tuesday, September 7, 2021 this board presented a Community Segment at the City Council meeting. (attached)
- Next Meeting scheduled for: Thursday, December 9, 2021, 7 pm start time.

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

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City of Beacon Board of Ethics

Community Segment

September 7, 2021

Agenda

- Who are we
- What is our purpose
- How often do we meet
- What the Ethics Code is about
- How do you engage us

Who are we

We are a five-member board. Each member is appointed by the Mayor for a five-year term and confirmed by a unanimous vote of the City Council.

Current Members:

- Montos Vakirtzis (Chair) mvakirtzis@beaconny.gov
- Arthur Camins (Secretary) acamins@beaconny.gov
- Ceasar Gonzalez cgonzalez@beaconny.gov
- Phillip Greenblatt pgreenblatt@beaconny.gov
- Andre Richards arichards@beaconny.gov

If there are any vacancies and you wish to apply: [https://www.beaconny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Blank Committee Application Fillable-4.pdf](https://www.beaconny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Blank_Committee_Application_Fillable-4.pdf)

What is our purpose

We are **governed by** the Code of Ethics of the City of Beacon. ¹

Our purpose is to oversee and implement the City's Code of Ethics; and to make known the rules of ethical conduct for all City Consultants, City Officers, City Board Members and City Employees in a manner consistent with the Code of Ethics. ²

Our duties include:

- To recommend disciplinary action and initiate appropriate actions and proceedings pursuant to § 29-12 of this Code of Ethics.
- To issue advisory opinions pursuant to § 29-13 of this Code of Ethics.
- To provide training and education to City officers and employees on the provisions of the Ethics Code as directed by the City Administrator.
- We do not handle Human Resource or Union related complaints.

¹ <https://www.cityofbeacon.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Ethics-Code-of.pdf>

² Code of Ethics, section § 29-4. Definitions

How often do we meet

- We meet on a quarterly basis and/or as needed.
- Our meetings are posted on the City's home page, "Upcoming Meetings & Events" and are open to the public.
- Meeting minutes are posted on the City's website:
Home > Government > Boards & Committees > Board of Ethics
<https://beaconny.gov/index.php/government/boards-committees/board-of-ethics/>

What the Ethics Code is about

- Anyone who believes an ethical violation exists has the right to submit a complaint.
 - An ethical violation is a violation of the City of Beacon Code of Ethics.
- The Code of Ethics covers conflicts of interest by city officers, board members, employees or consultants. For example, financial interest of a board member in an issue before the board; supervision of a family member; et al.

How do you engage us

- Via the City's website:

Home > Government > Boards & Committees > Board of Ethics > Resources . Board of Ethics Complaint Form

<https://www.beaconny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Board-of-Ethics-Complaint-Form-English.pdf>

- Print form, fill it out, and then submit via drop off, mail or fax to the Office of the Mayor, or email to any of the members.

- The Board of Ethics will be informed of all submissions.

Thank you!