

9.07. - Ethics board; composition, appointment, staffing and meetings.

(1) The ethics board shall be composed of:

(a) *Six (6) members:* Six (6) adult residents of the county;

(b) *Nominating authorities:* The nominating authorities shall be the following entities:

1. President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
2. Board chair of public policy forum
3. Board chair of greater milwaukee committee
4. President of the Milwaukee Bar Association
5. Board chair of inter-faith conference of greater Milwaukee
6. President of the board of the league of women voters of Greater Milwaukee

The nominating authorities are leaders of longstanding, broad-based Milwaukee County entities interested in good government and institutional integrity. ethics board members shall reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of Milwaukee County, serve the residents of Milwaukee County according to their oaths of office and act independently from the nominating and appointing authorities.

(c) *Completion of terms:* Upon the effective date of this Code, current ethics board sitting members shall complete their respective current terms, to preserve continuity and experience on the ethics board.

1. Any sitting member at the time of the effective date of this Code is eligible for reappointment to the ethics board by the nominating entities.
2. Any sitting member at the time of the effective date of this Code, if nominated by an appointing entity for a six-year term, would not be subject to the limitations of (g) for that initial nomination.

(d) *Solicitation of nominations:* The county executive shall solicit nominations from the nominating authorities for term appointments according to the order in which they are listed above.

(e) *Nomination procedure:* Each nominating authority, upon request of the county executive, shall submit the names of two (2) nominees to the county executive who shall then select and submit the name of one (1) of the nominees as an appointee to the county board for confirmation.

1. The county executive shall notify a nominating entity one hundred eighty (180) days before a term is expiring which the nominating entity is to fill.
2. The nominating entity shall submit a nomination(s) to the county executive one hundred twenty (120) days before the expiration of the term of the impending vacancy.
3. In the event of a vacancy during a member's term, the county executive will provide immediate notification of the vacancy.
  - i. The notification shall be provided to the nominating entity which nominated the member who is leaving the ethics board.
  - ii. The nominating entity must submit nominations of two (2) names to the county executive within thirty (30) days.
  - iii. If the mid-term vacancy is of a ethics board member appointed prior to the effective date of this Code, then the county executive will notify the nominating entity which is charged with the next nomination, as provided in subsection 9.07(1)(d).
  - iv. A resume of each nominee for appointment to the ethics board shall be submitted to the county executive. The county executive shall submit the name of his/her appointee

to every member of the county board at least thirty (30) days prior to county board action on confirmation of the nominee for appointment.

- v. Upon receiving the nomination from the nominating entity, the ethics board's executive director shall provide to the appointee all pertinent information concerning ethics board member's authority and duties and ethics board operations.
- (f) *Six-year term*: Except as provided in subsection 9.07(1)(c), a member shall be nominated and appointed for a term of six (6) years.
- (g) *Limit of two (2) consecutive terms*: A member shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms but in no event shall a member be appointed for more than twelve (12) consecutive years.
- (h) *Election of chair and vice chair*: The chair and vice chair shall be elected annually at the annual meeting, pursuant to section 9.07(3)(b). In the event of a vacancy in the office of chair, the ethics board shall elect the chair in a properly convened meeting and in open session pursuant to section 9.07(3)(c)(2).
- (i) *Member cannot be county public official or employee*: A member shall not hold any other public office or employment in the government of the county while serving on the ethics board.
- (j) *Candidates for public office must resign*: A member of the ethics board who officially files as a candidate for public office while serving on the ethics board must resign his/her position on the ethics board or be subject to removal by the ethics board.
- (k) *Removal of board members only for cause*: Removal from the ethics board shall be for cause, according to the rules and procedures of the ethics board
- (2) *Appointment of executive director and additional personnel*: The county executive shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the county board, an executive director who shall perform such duties as the ethics board assigns to him/her. The county board shall provide such additional personnel as may be required in the administration of this chapter and execution of the duties of the ethics board.
- (3) (a) *Four (4) meetings per year*: The ethics board shall meet at least four (4) times per year.  
(b) *February annual meeting*: A February meeting will be designated as the annual meeting of the ethics board.  
(c) *Method of calling meetings*: All mandatory or additional meetings of the ethics board:
  - 1. Shall be called by the chair; or
  - 2. By a minimum of three (3) members of the ethics board upon written request to the executive director.
- (4) *Affirmative vote for action*: Any action by the ethics board shall require an affirmative vote of four (4) members.