

City of Scranton

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Board of Ethics

Ethics Board Review of the 2019 Statements of Financial Interest

The City of Scranton Code of Ethics (Code), Section 2(B)(7), charges the Board of Ethics with the duty to "[a]nnually review the statements of financial interest filed pursuant to Section 4 of the Code." Section 4 of the Code states, in part:

Any official or employee of the City or authorities or boards with decision-making authority, including advisory boards, shall file with the City Clerk a Statement of Financial Interests for the preceding calendar year by May 1 of each year, as defined by the State Code of Ethics.

This report represents our annual review of the 2019 Statements of Financial Interest (SFI). Due to the pandemic and public safety considerations, we limited the scope of our review to the offices of Mayor, City Council, and Controller. We may at a future date expand our review to other public officials and employees.

Due to the pandemic, Governor Wolf in an executive order extended the May 1, 2020, filing deadline to July 15, 2020.

Board Member Carol Migliorino reviewed the 2019 SFIs at City Hall, on July 17, 2020, which were date-stamped by the Clerk's office upon receipt. The following public officials, who were required to file SFIs, did so prior to the July 15, 2020, deadline:

- Mayor Paige Gebhardt Cognetti
- Former Mayor Wayne Evans
- Former Mayor William Courtright
- Council President William Gaughan
- Council Member Kyle Donahue
- Former Council Member Mary Dempsey
- Former Council Member Patrick Rogan
- Controller John Murray

Per the City Clerk, Former Council Member Tim Perry was sent an SFI form, but had not returned a completed form by the filing deadline.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Migliorino