



CITY OF SIOUX FALLS  
**BOARD OF ETHICS**

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**DATE:** March 29, 2013

**TO:** Mayor Mike Huether  
City Council Members

**FROM:** Sioux Falls Board of Ethics  
Bob Swanhorst  
Jeffrey Gednalske  
Carol Knudtson  
Gregory LaFollette

**SUBJECT:** Annual Report 2012

The Board of Ethics met four times in 2012 and issued 2 opinions. One opinion was confidential, rendered before changes made it so the Board would no longer issue confidential opinions. The non-confidential opinion dealt with the following subject:

1. Whether educational presentations by a city employee would be a conflict of interest by providing for the possibility of self-referring of citizens to the employee's independent business.

The Board reviewed and approved of suggested amendments to the Ethics Ordinances which were eventually adopted by the City Council in August, 2012. The Board also made some revisions to its Rules of Procedure and thereafter issued a letter to the City Council explaining the revisions.

The terms of Board members Michael McKnight, Bill O'Connor and Mari Robbennolt expired in May, 2012 with Jeffrey Gednalske, Carol Knudtson and Gregory LaFollette being appointed that same month to fill the vacancies.

Board member Howard Paulson's term expired in December, 2012 with Ronald Sisk being appointed in January, 2013 to fill the vacancy.

Pursuant to Sec. 35.011(b) of the Ordinances of Sioux Falls, it should be noted that the only cost associated with the Board's activities in 2012, was the recognition awards given to the four departing Board members totaling \$264.00.

Attachment

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### Opinions and Complaints, 2003-2012

