



City of Denton

City Hall
215 E. McKinney St.
Denton, Texas 76201
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Meeting Agenda

Board of Ethics

Monday, March 4, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Work Session Room

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Citizens are also able to participate in the following way (NOTE: Other than public hearings, citizens are only able to comment one time per agenda item; citizens cannot use both methods to comment on a single agenda item. Public comments are not held for work session reports.):

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Members review comments received in advance of the meeting and take that public input into consideration prior to voting on an agenda item. The Chair will announce the number of Comment Cards submitted in support or opposition to an item during the public comment period. Comments will not be read during the meeting. The Secretary will reflect the number of comments submitted in favor/opposition to an item, the registrant's name, address, and (summary of) comments within the Minutes of the Meeting, as applicable.

After determining that a quorum is present, the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas, will convene in a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be considered:

REGULAR MEETING

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

This section of the agenda permits a person to make comments regarding public business on items as listed on the agenda and in-person presentations (allows for comments on items not listed on the agenda.) Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes with up to five speakers per meeting.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. [BOE24-011](#) Consider approval of minutes for February 5 and February 8, 2024
[Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 5 minutes]

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Draft Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
 [Exhibit 2 - Draft Advisory Opinion 24-001 Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

- B. [BOE24-012](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding draft redlines for

potential proposed amendments from the Board of Ethics to 1) repeal and replace Ethics Ordinance Sec. 2-273 (a) Conflicts of Interest, and 2) eliminate Sec. 2-281 (c) (4) Burden of Proof, including amending the Board of Ethics' Rules of Procedure to adjust Evidentiary Hearing procedures to reflect the elimination of the requirement for the Complainant to testify at an evidentiary hearing.

[Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 15 minutes]

Attachments:

[Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Ethics Ordinance Draft Redlines.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3 - Rules of Procedure Draft Redlines.pdf](#)

- C. [BOE24-013](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding forwarding proposals to amend City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics) and the Board of Ethics Rules of Procedure to the City Council.

[Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 15 minutes]

Attachments:

[Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Letter of Proposed Amendments \(Draft\).pdf](#)

- D. [BOE24-014](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the definition of Complainant as it relates to the City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics).

[Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

Attachments:

[Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet.pdf](#)

- E. [BOE24-015](#) Management Reports
1. City Council Candidate Letter (Financial Disclosures Information)
 2. February 2024 Advisory Opinion Responses Report

[Estimated Presentation Discussion Time: 5 minutes]

Attachments:

[City Council Candidate Letter \(Financial Disclosures Information\).pdf](#)

[February 2024 Advisory Opinion Responses Report.pdf](#)

- F. [BOE24-016](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

[Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 5 minutes]

Attachments:

[Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Board of Ethics Tentative Meeting Topics \(March 2024\).pdf](#)

NOTE: The Board of Ethics reserves the right to adjourn into a Closed Meeting on any item on its Open Meeting agenda consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the official website (<https://tx-denton.civicplus.com/242/Public-Meetings-Agendas>) and bulletin board at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, on March 1, 2024, in advance of the 72-hour posting deadline, as applicable, and in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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