

City of Denton Board of Ethics

After determining that a quorum was present, the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Lara Tomlin, Vice-Chair Annetta Ramsey and Members Hannah Klaassen, Andrea Eberhard, Dustin Pavelek, Tom Pryor, and Alternate Member David Zoltner.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. **BOE23-018** Consider approval of minutes for March 6 and March 13, 2023.

Vice-Chair Ramsay moved to approve the March 6, 2023 minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Pryor. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Chair Lara Tomlin, Vice-Chair Annetta Ramsey and Members Hannah Klaassen, Andrea Eberhard, Dustin Pavelek, Tom Pryor and Alternate Member David Zoltner.

NAYS (0): None.

Member Pavelek moved to approve the March 13, 2023 minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Klaassen. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Chair Lara Tomlin, Vice-Chair Annetta Ramsey and Members Hannah Klaassen, Andrea Eberhard, Dustin Pavelek, Tom Pryor and Alternate Member David Zoltner.

NAYS (0): None.

B. **BOE23-022** Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the 2023 Packet of Proposed Amendments to the Ethics Ordinance and Board of Ethics' Rules of Procedure.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

C. **BOE23-019** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding the creation of a public comment period for Board of Ethics meetings.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Vice-Chair Ramsey moved to amend the Board of Ethics' Rules and Procedures to allow in-person and eComment on agenda items with a three minute limit and no speaker limit and allow in-person presentations from members of the public with a three minute limit and five speaker limit at regular meetings; motion seconded by Member Klaassen.

AYES (7): Chair Lara Tomlin, Vice-Chair Annetta Ramsey and Members Hannah Klaassen, Andrea Eberhard, Dustin Pavelek, Tom Pryor and Alternate Member David Zoltner.

NAYS (0): None.

D. BOE23-020 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding the format of discussion regarding Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics), Sec. 2-281 (c) (4) Burden of Proof.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

The Board gave direction for staff to research what the cities of Austin and Fort Worth require from a Complainant during the hearing process and compare this to the City of Denton's process.

E. BOE23-021 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

The Board gave direction to place the Mayor's request to consider how a Respondent may object to a Preliminary Assessment panelist on their list of potential meeting topics. The Board gave direction for staff to present an update on the creation of a public comment period during the June 2023 meeting, to add a discussion of the 2023 Amendment Proposals during the June 2023 meeting, and to increase the amount of time during the June 2023 meeting for discussing the burden of proof requirements. The Board directed staff to push the first discussion on the definition of pending matter to the August 2023 meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Lara Tomlin
Chair

Tammy Peal
Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____