



City of Denton

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

Board of Ethics

Monday, June 3, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Work Session Room

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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, June 3 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. [BOE24-021](#) Consider approval of minutes from March 4, 2024.
[Estimated presentation/discussion time: 5 minutes]
Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Draft Regular Meeting Minutes 03-04-2024](#)
- B. [BOE24-022](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

[Estimated presentation/discussion time: 15 minutes]

Attachments:

[Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet](#)

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

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 May 29, 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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File #: BOE24-021, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION

Consider approval of minutes from March 4, 2024.

[Estimated presentation/discussion time: 5 minutes]

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, 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:

PRESENT: Chair Annetta Ramsay, Vice-Chair Dustin Pavelek, and Members Patricia Reinke and Andrea Eberhard.

ABSENT: Member David Zoltner.

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BOE24-011 Consider approval of minutes from February 5 and February 8, 2024.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Member Eberhard moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pavelek.

AYES (4): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Reinke and Eberhard.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Member David Zoltner.

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 of the Complainant to testify at an evidentiary hearing.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Vice-Chair Pavelek moved to forward the proposed amendments to the City Council; motion seconded by Member Eberhard.

AYES (4): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Reinke and Eberhard.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Member David Zoltner.

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).

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Vice-Chair Pavelek moved to postpone the item to the next regular meeting; motion seconded by Member Eberhard.

AYES (4): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Reinke and Eberhard.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Member David Zoltner.

E. BOE24-015 Management Reports

1. City Council Candidate Letter (Financial Disclosures Information)
2. February 2024 Advisory Opinion Responses Report

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

F. BOE24-016 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. The item BOE24-014 will be discussed in the next meeting on April 1, 2024.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Annetta Ramsay
Chair

Joseph Haddad
Recording Secretary

APPROVED ON: _____



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

[Estimated presentation/discussion time: 15 minutes]

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Auditor's Office

CITY AUDITOR: Madison Rorschach

DATE: June 3, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

BACKGROUND

City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics), Sec. 2-277 (i) states that the Board of Ethics may recommend amendments to Article XI (i.e., the Ethics Ordinance) to the City Council from time to time.

DISCUSSION

Based on direction received at previous meetings the following meeting topics have been proposed. Those items that are struck through may no longer need to be addressed based on current proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Topic	Est. Time
Review Complaint Reconsideration Process	0:30
Comprehensive Review of Current Sanctions; Frivolous Sanctions	1:30
Preliminary Panel Member Objection Process	0:30
Order to Show Cause Process	0:45
Potential Campaign Financing Restrictions	0:30
Definition of Complainant	0:30

To help plan for future meetings, a document outlining tentative future meeting topics has been prepared based on direction received previously from the Board of Ethics.

Due to the City Council's current work session schedule and upcoming elections, the Packet of Proposed amendments has been scheduled to be presented to the City Council on June 4, 2024.

DIRECTION

Based on this information, Staff would like direction from the Board on the following:

- What topic(s), if any, does the Board of Ethics want to be added to August 2024;
- What topic(s), if any, does the Board of Ethics want to be added to October 2024; and
- Any additional topics that the Board wishes to discuss at future meetings.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

May 1, 2018: Ethics Ordinance Adopted

Jun. 2, 2020: Ethics Ordinance amended based on Board of Ethics recommendations
Jan. 25, 2022: Ethics Ordinance amended by City Council to remove professional preferences
Jul. 19, 2022: Ethics Ordinance amended based on Board of Ethics recommendations
Jul. 18, 2023: Ethics Ordinance amended based on Board of Ethics recommendations
Dec. 12, 2023: Ethics Ordinance amended by City Council to eliminate Alternate Members

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Board of Ethics Tentative Meeting Topics (May 2024)

Respectfully submitted:
Madison Rorschach, 940-349-7228
City Auditor

Board of Ethics Tentative Meeting Topics

Updated: May 29, 2024

Meeting	Item	Est. Time
June 2024	Minutes	0:05
	Future Meeting Topics Update	0:15
	Total Est. Time:	0:20
August 2024	Minutes	0:05
	<i>TBD</i>	
	Management Reports	0:05
	Future Meeting Topics Update	0:05
	Total Est. Time:	0:15
October 2024	Minutes	0:05
	<i>TBD</i>	
	Management Reports	0:05
	Future Meeting Topics Update	0:05
	Total Est. Time:	0:15