

City of Denton Board of Ethics Minutes

January 28, 2021

After determining that a quorum was present, a meeting of the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a Regular meeting on Thursday, January 28, at 3:09 p.m.

Note: The Board Members present participated in the Regular meeting via video/teleconference under provisions allowed by the Texas Government Code Section 551.127.

Present: Chair Lara Tomlin, Don Cartwright, Annetta Ramsay, Patricia Reinke, Ron Johnson, Rob Rayner, and Alternate Member Deborah Cosimo

Absent: Vice Chair Charla Bradshaw and Ronnie Mohair

Staff Present: Madison Rorschach, Trey Lansford, and Tammy Peal.

City Auditor Rorschach called the meeting to order. With neither the Chair nor Vice Chair present, nominations were taken for Presiding Officer.

Board Member Johnson nominated Board Member Cartwright. Nomination seconded by Board Member Rayner. Board Member Cartwright withdrew his nomination. Board Member Ramsay nominated Board Member Johnson. Motion seconded by Board Member Rayner. Motion carried 5-0-1.

AYES (5): Board Members Cartwright, Cosimo, Reinke, Ramsay, and Rayner

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAIN (1): Board Member Johnson

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BOE21-002 Consider approval of the minutes for August 27, 2020, October 26, 2020, and November 20, 2020.

As a point of order Chair Lara Tomlin's name was corrected on the August 27, 2020 minutes. Annetta Ramsay made a motion to approve the corrected August 27, 2020 meeting minutes and the meeting minutes of October 26 and November 20, 2020 as presented. Motion seconded by Rob Rayner. Motion carried 6-0.

AYES (6): Board Members Cartwright, Cosimo, Reinke, Ramsay, Rayner, and Johnson

NAYS (0): None

B. BOE21-003 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding proposed Ethics Complaint process improvement.

Chair Tomlin joined the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Ethics Complaint Process Flowcharts were presented, and discussion followed. A consensus of the Board directed the City Auditor to make suggested changes to the proposed Ethics Complaint Process Flowcharts and to bring revised versions to the regularly scheduled February meeting. A consensus of the Board directed the City Auditor to develop an Ethics Complaint Process Timeline to be brought to the regularly scheduled February meeting.

Revised Ethics Complaint Form was presented, and discussion followed. A consensus of the Board made several amendments including: on the Instructions Page, changing the subheading "Prohibition" to "Prohibition Against Frivolous Complaints," correcting typo in the Confidentially subheading from "Article CI" to "Article XI," on the Ethics Complaint Form Checklist Section, adding "(s)" after the word "section," and amending the Checklist to remove "Sec. 2-272 Mandates" and to include "Sec. 2-272 (a) Duty to Report," "Sec. 2-272 (b) Financial Disclosures," and "Sec. 2-272 (c) Business Disclosures."

Board Member Cosimo made a motion to approve the Revised Ethics Complaint Form as amended. Board Member Rayner seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

AYES (7): Chair Tomlin and Board Members Cartwright, Cosimo, Ramsay, Rayner, Reinke, and Johnson

NAYS (0): None

Preliminary Assessment evidence access issue was presented, and discussion followed. A consensus of the Board directed the City Auditor to forward all evidence submitted as part of an Ethics Complaint to the Preliminary Assessment Panel for their consideration.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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