

## **City of Denton Board of Ethics Minutes**

After determining that a quorum is present, the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a Special Called Panel Meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 9:11 a.m.

**Present:** Board Members Don Cartwright, Deborah Cosimo, and Ronald Johnson

**Staff Present:** Madison Rorschach, Tammy Peal and Special Council Alan Bojorquez

City Auditor Rorschach called the meeting to order. Nominations were taken for Presiding Officer of the panel meeting.

Board Member Cartwright nominated Board Member Cosimo. Motion seconded by Board Member Johnson. Motion carried 3-0.

AYES (3): Board Members Johnson, Cartwright, and Cosimo

NAYS (0): None

### **1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **A. BOE21-005 Request for Advisory Opinion No. 21-001, received February 6, 2021, from Councilmember Meltzer concerning potential pending matters, conflict of interest applicability, and recusal recommendation.**

Item was presented and discussion followed.

Board Member Johnson made a motion to find that Council Member Meltzer's request to determine if there is a conflict of interest related to his wife's employment, which was terminated in January 2021, is not a conflict in that anything he deliberates on after January 2021 does not constitute a current conflict of interest. Motion seconded by Board Member Cartwright. Motion carried 3-0.

AYES (3): Board Members Johnson, Cartwright, and Cosimo

NAYS (0): None

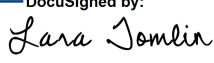
Board Member Cartwright made a motion to advise Council Member Meltzer to file an affidavit disclosing that his previous relationship with the University of North Texas is terminated. Motion seconded by Board Member Johnson. Motion carried 3-0.

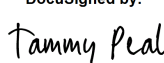
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NAYS (0): None

The Panel also directed staff to bring a discussion to the full Board of Ethics regarding clarifying a “current conflict of interest” with regards to Ethics Ordinance Section 2-273(a).

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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