

City of Denton Board of Ethics
September 30, 2021

After determining that a quorum is present, the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

Present: Chair Lara Tomlin, Vice-Chair Hannah Klaassen, Members Don Cartwright, Annetta Ramsay, Patricia Reinke, Dustin Pavelek, and Alternate Member Rob Rayner.

Absent: Member Andrea Eberhard.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BOE21-021 Consider approval of the minutes for June 24, 2021.

Member Cartwright moved to approve the minutes with the amendment to remove absent alternate members who were not required to attend (Alternate Members Cosimo, Rayner and Swanbeck); motion seconded by Member Ramsey. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Chair Tomlin, and Members Reinke, Pavelek, Cartwright, Ramsay, Klaassen and Alternate Member Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Member Eberhard.

B. BOE21-022 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding potential recommendations to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics).

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

The Board directed Staff to include minor adjustments to the Ethics Ordinance as proposed in the next Ethics Ordinance amendment packet. The Board tabled the discussion of when an employment relationship with a Business Entity is considered current until a full discussion about the conflict of definition could be held. The Board directed Staff to bring back potential revisions to the Ethics Ordinance and Rules of Procedure clarifying a Preliminary Panel's ability to recommend that a hearing be held to determine if an Accepted Ethics Complaint is frivolous.

C. BOE21-023 Receive nominations and hold an election of a Vice-Chair for the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton.

Member Klaassen volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair.

Alternate Member Rayner moved to elect Member Klaassen as Vice-Chair; motion seconded by Member Pavelek. Motion carried

AYES (7): Chair Tomlin, and Members Reinke, Pavelek, Cartwright, Ramsay, Klaassen and Alternate Member Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Member Eberhard.

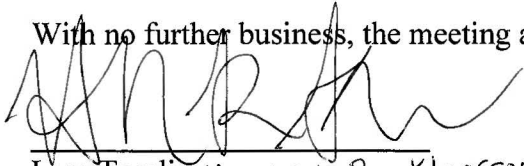
D. BOE21-024 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

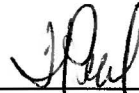
The Board directed Staff to continue working through the list of priorities outlined during the April 29, 2021 meeting. Once those are complete, the Board wishes to have a full discussion on the conflict of ethics definition in the Ethics Ordinance.

Staff pointed out that the scheduled November and December meetings of the Board would likely be canceled due to the holiday season. Alternate meeting times would be reviewed before the January meeting due to the return in person.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.



~~Lara Tomlin~~ HANNAH POE KLAASSEN
Vice-Chair



Tammy Peal
Recording Secretary

APPROVED ON: October 28, 2021