

## **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 Special Called Meeting on Monday May 23, 2022, at 5:39 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

**PRESENT:** Chair Lara Tomlin, Members Andrea Eberhard, Annetta Ramsay, and Alternate Members Deborah Cosimo and Rob Rayner.

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chair Hannah Klaassen, and Members Patricia Reinke and Dustin Pavelek.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Special Counsel Dottie Palumbo, Complainant Scott Campbell, Respondent Paul Meltzer, and the Respondent's Representative Richard Gladden.

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

**A. BOE22-018 Consider and take necessary action regarding a recommendation made by a Panel of the Board of Ethics on May 9, 2022, to determine if the Ethics Complaint No. 22-001 concerning alleged violations of Ethics Ordinance Section 2-273 may be frivolous. This Hearing is being conducted under the authority of Denton Code of Ordinance Article XI (Ethics) Section 2-281(c).**

Chair Tomlin recognized the procedural request made by Complainant Campbell to withdraw Ethics Complaint 22-001 filed with the City Auditor's Office on May 20, 2022. The procedural request was considered and discussed.

Member Ramsay moved to deny withdrawal of the complaint; motion seconded by Alternate Member Rayner. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Tomlin, Members Eberhard, Ramsay, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Reinke and Pavelek.

Chair Tomlin recognized the procedural request made by Complaint Campbell for a continuance of the Hearing filed with the City Auditor's Office on May 23, 2022. The procedural request was considered and discussed.

Member Eberhard moved to deny the continuance of the Hearing; motion seconded by Alternate Member Cosimo. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Tomlin, Members Eberhard, Ramsay, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Reinke and Pavelek.

Opening statements were made by Complainant Campbell and by Respondent's Representative Gladden on behalf of Respondent Meltzer.

Complainant Campbell presented evidence and arguments including sworn testimony with cross examination of Respondent Meltzer. Respondent's Representative Gladden presented evidence and arguments including sworn testimony from Respondent Meltzer, documentary evidence, and cross examination of Complainant Campbell. Complainant Campbell did not present rebuttal evidence.

Closing statements were made by Complainant Campbell and Respondent's Representative Gladden. Rebuttal was presented by Complainant Campbell.

At 6:47 p.m., Chair Tomlin declared the Hearing closed. Discussion and deliberations took place.

Member Ramsay moved to find the complaint frivolous; motion seconded by Member Rayner. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Tomlin, Members Eberhard, Ramsay, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Reinke, Pavelek.

Alternate Member Cosimo moved to send a Letter of Reprimand under Sec.2-282(b)(3)(A) to Complainant Campbell; motion seconded by Member Ramsay. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Chair Tomlin, Members Eberhard, Ramsay, and Alternate Members Cosimo.

NAYS (1): Alternate Member Rayner.

ABSENT (3): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Reinke, Pavelek.

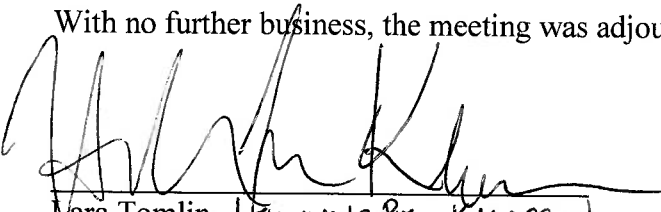
Member Rayner moved to authorize Chair Tomlin to sign the Letter of Reprimand; motion seconded by Member Eberhard. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Tomlin, Members Eberhard, Ramsay, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Rayner.

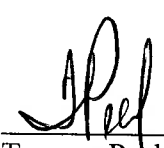
NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Reinke, Pavelek.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

  
~~Lara Tomlin~~  
Chair

Hannah Poe Klaassen

  
Tammy Peal

Recording Secretary

APPROVED ON: 