

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, August 1, 2022, at 6:03 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Hannah Klaassen, and Members Patricia Reinke, Andrea Eberhard, Annetta Ramsay.

ABSENT: Chair Lara Tomlin, and Member Dustin Pavelek.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. **BOE22-023** Consider approval of minutes for June 6 and June 29.

Member Reinke moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Ramsay. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Chair Tomlin and Member Pavelek.

B. **BOE22-024** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding potential recommendations to clarify procedures to disclose the receipt of Gifts as defined in City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics), Sec. 2-273 Prohibitions (b) Gifts.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

The Board of Ethics gave direction to draft language to update the ordinance to require City Officials to disclose received gifts as well as clarify that gifts received by a relative are also subject to the ordinance. In addition, the Board gave direction to hold a future discussion on the definition of relative.

C. **BOE22-025** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding potential recommendations to amend City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics), Sec. 2-282 Disposition.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

The Board gave direction to draft language to update the ordinance to have separate sanctions for frivolous complaints similar to the City of Dallas. In addition, the Board gave direction to hold a future discussion potential changes to sanctions that can be issued for Respondents found in violation of the ordinance.

D. **BOE22-026** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding

potential recommendations to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics) Sec. 2-273 Prohibitions.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

The Board gave direction to change the thresholds for the identified financial considerations as summarized below:

Prohibition	Previous	Proposed
Ownership – Shares/Stocks	5%	10%
Income	\$600	10%
Ownership – Value	\$600	10%
Real Property	\$600	10%

In addition, the Board gave direction to draft language to update the ordinance to prohibit deliberation on a pending matter if the City Official had received a campaign contribution greater than \$500 during a standard election cycle. There was also consensus to not require a City Official to recuse if they had made payments to a client or customer and there was not consensus on requiring disclosure in this event.

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

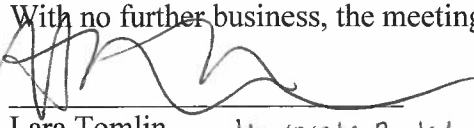
Member Klassen moved to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for September 5, 2022; motion seconded by Member Ramsay. Motion carried.

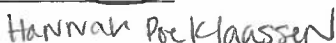
AYES (4): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Reinke, Eberhard and Ramsay.

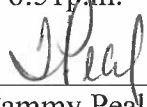
NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Chair Tomlin and Member Pavelek.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.


Lara Tomlin
Chair


Hannah Beck-Klaassen


Tammy Peal
Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON: October 3, 2022