

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, March 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton.

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Annetta Ramsey, Members Andrea Eberhard, Hannah Klaassen, Tom Pryor, Dustin Pavelek, and Alternate Members Deborah Cosimo and Robert Rayner.

ABSENT: Chair Lara Tomlin

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. **BOE23-011** Consider approval of minutes for February 6, 2023.

Member Pavelek moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Klaassen. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Vice-Chair Ramsey, and Members Eberhard, Klaassen, Pryor, Pavelek, Cosimo and Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Chair Tomlin.

B. **BOE23-012** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding potential proposals to amend City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics).

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Member Eberhard moved to accept addition to Proposal 1 to forbid any acceptance of “cash” as suggested by Special Council; motion seconded by Member Cosimo. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Vice-Chair Ramsey, and Members Eberhard, Klaassen, Pavelek, Cosimo and Rayner.

NAYS (1): Member Pryor.

ABSENT (1): Chair Tomlin.

Member Klaassen moved to accept addition to Proposal 1 to forbid Vendors from offering or giving gifts to a City Official’s Relative as suggested by Special Council; motion seconded by Member Pavelek. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Vice-Chair Ramsey, and Members Eberhard, Klaassen, Pryor, Pavelek, Cosimo and Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Chair Tomlin.

Alternate Member Rayner moved to clarify Proposal 1 as suggested by Special Council to require disclosure of gifts when they are not an exception to the Gifts prohibition; motion seconded by Member Klaassen. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Vice-Chair Ramsey, and Members Eberhard, Klaassen, Pryor, Pavelek, and Rayner.

NAYS (1): Alternate Member Cosimo.

ABSENT (1): Chair Tomlin.

Member Klaassen moved to strike Proposal 2 from the Letter of Proposed Amendments; motion seconded by Alternate Member Rayner. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Vice-Chair Ramsey, and Members Eberhard, Klaassen, Pryor, Pavelek, Cosimo and Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Chair Tomlin.

Member Pavelek moved to adjust the draft language of Proposal 9 as suggested by Staff and verified by Special Counsel; motion seconded by Alternate Member Rayner. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Vice-Chair Ramsey, and Members Eberhard, Klaassen, Pryor, Pavelek, Cosimo and Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Chair Tomlin.

C. BOE23-013 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. Direction was given to bring this item back for future discussion and keep Proposal 3 stricken from the Letter of Proposed Amendments.

D. BOE23-014 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding forwarding proposals to amend City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics) and the Board of Ethics Rules of Procedure to the City Council.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Member Pavelek moved to forward the Letter of Proposed Amendments to the City Council as amended; motion seconded by Member Klaassen. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Vice-Chair Ramsey, and Members Eberhard, Klaassen, Pryor, Pavelek, Cosimo and Rayner.

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Chair Tomlin.

E. BOE23-015 Management Reports

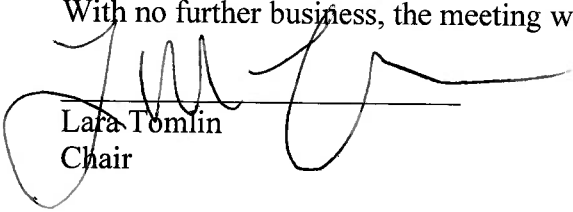
1. February 2023 Advisory Opinion Responses Report

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

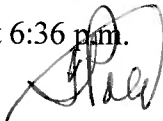
F. BOE23-016 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. The Board gave direction to add a discussion on the definition of Pending Matter to the May 2023 meeting agenda and to include discussions on Financial Thresholds and the definition of Alternates to the June 2023 meeting agenda.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.



Lafa Tomlin
Chair



Tammy Peal
Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON:

May 1, 2023