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 7, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton.

PRESENT: Chair Lara Tomlin, Vice-Chair Annetta Ramsay, and Members Hannah Klaassen, Dustin Pavelek, Deborah Cosimo, Rob Rayner, and Tom Pryor.

ABSENT: Member Andrea Eberhard.

There were no e-Comments from the public.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. <u>BOE23-032</u> Consider approval of minutes for June 5, June 22, and July 27, 2023.

Vice-Chair Ramsay moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Klaassen. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Member Eberhard

B. <u>BOE23-033</u> Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding the ethics complaint process detailed in Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics), Sec. 2-281 Meetings and Sec. 2-282 Disposition.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Direction was given for Staff to bring back language amending the Ethics Ordinance to allow a Complainant or Respondent to be represented by legal counsel or another representative and remove Sec. 2-281 (C)(4) Burden of Proof as well as create a process for the Board of Ethics to request a Complainant provide additional evidence with potential facilitation from the City Auditor.

C. <u>BOE23-034</u> Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding the definition and role of Alternate members of the Board of Ethics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. No direction was given.

- D. <u>BOE23-035</u> Management Reports
 - 1. 2023 Ethics Ordinance & Rules of Procedure Amendments Update
 - 2. June and July 2023 Advisory Opinion Responses Report

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Lera Tomlin Vice-Chair

Annetta Ramay

Tammy Peat

Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON: __

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