

**CITY OF DENTON**  
**BOARD OF ETHICS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2019**

After determining that a quorum was present, a meeting of the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a special called meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

**PRESENT:** Jesse Davis, Chair; and Board Members Ronnie Mohair, Don Cartwright, David Zoltner, Karen McDaniels, Ron Johnson, Deborah Cosimo, Rob Rayner

**ABSENT:** Lara Tomlin

**ALSO PRESENT:** Umesh Dalal, City Auditor; Betsy Snodgrass, Administrative Assistant; Jane Richardson, Deputy City Secretary; Council Member Deb Armintor; Counsel for the Accused, Richard Gladden; Herbert Prouty, Outside Counsel representing the Alan Bojorquez Firm.

Chair Davis opened the meeting at 5:32 PM

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- A. ID 19-006: Hold a discussion on updates to the current membership of the Ethics Board and take necessary action.

Chair Davis began by welcoming the new members of the Board of Ethics, Ronnie Mohair and Rob Rayner. Following discussion, no action taken

- B. ID 19-007: Hold a discussion to review Ethics Board procedures related to hearings and take necessary action.

Following discussion, no action taken.

- C. ID 19-008: Address preliminary matters related to hearings and take necessary action.

Following discussion, Board Member Cartwright motioned for a 30-day continuance on the complaint filed against Council Member Paul Meltzer (Item 5 - EC19-003). Board Member Rayner seconded and the motion for a 30-day continuance on Item E: EC 19-003 carried.

AYES (6): Board Chair Davis, Board Members Mohair, Cartwright, McDaniels, Johnson, Rayner

NAYS (0)

ABSTAIN (2): Board Members Zoltner, Cosimo

ABSENT (1): Board Member Tomlin

Chair Davis called for a recess 6:13 PM; the meeting reconvened at 6:20 PM.

Board Member Cartwright motioned, and Board Member Rayner seconded to postpone hearing the complaint filed against Deb Armintor (EC19-002) for 30 days. The motion failed.

AYES (2): Board Members Cartwright, Rayner

NAYS (1): Board Member McDaniels

ABSTAIN (4): Board Members Mohair, Zoltner, Cosimo, Davis

Chair Davis left proceedings at 6:34 PM. The meeting continued with Board Member Cartwright serving as the presiding officer

- D. ID 19-009: Ethics Complaint No. 19-002, found to be actionable 3/27/19 by a Panel of the Board of Ethics, concerning alleged violations of Ethics Ordinance Sections 2-272 and 273. This Hearing is being conducted under the authority of Ethics Ordinance Section 2-281(c).

Board Member Rayner nominated Board Member Cartwright for the Hearing's presiding officer and McDaniels seconded. Board Member Cartwright was elected by a unanimous decision.

Assistant City Secretary Jane Richardson then swore in the witnesses, Deb Armintor, the Accused, and Ron Johnson, the Complainant.

Evidence and arguments were presented by the Complainant.

Presiding Officer Cartwright called for a recess at 7:24 PM; the hearing reconvened at 7:29 PM

Evidence and arguments were presented for the Accused.

Presiding Officer Cartwright called for an executive session at 8:15 PM under Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The executive session ended at 8:51 PM, after which the hearing immediately reconvened.

Presiding Officer Cartwright asked for a vote on the Board's determination on Item D: Ethics Complaint 19-002 as Violation or No Violation:

Presiding Chair Cartwright – Violation

Board Member Rayner – Violation


Board Member McDaniels – Violation

Board Member Mohair – Violation

Board Member Mohair motioned and Board Member McDaniels seconded to not impose any sanctions regarding the finding of a violation on EC 19-002.

AYES (4): Board Members Cartwright, Rayner, McDaniels, Mohair  
NAYS (0)

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

  
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LARA TOMLIN  
CHAIR – BOARD OF ETHICS  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

  
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BETSY SNODGRASS – RECORDING SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON June 12, 2019