

CITY OF DENTON

**BOARD OF ETHICS
MEETING MINUTES**

February 13, 2020

After determining that a quorum was present, a meeting of the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas convened regular meeting on Thursday February 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Work Session Room, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Lara Tomlin, Chair, and Board Members Ronnie Mohair, Deborah Cosimo (Alternate), Ron Johnson, Don Cartwright, Annetta Ramsay and Larry Beck

NON-PARTICIPATING BOARD ALTERNATES PRESENT: Robert Swanbeck, Rob Rayner

ABSENT: Charla Bradshaw, Vice-Chair - Excused

ALSO PRESENT: Trey Lansford, Deputy City Attorney; Umesh Dalal, City Auditor; Betsy Snodgrass, Recording Secretary

Chair Tomlin opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- A. BOE 20-001: Consider approval of the minutes for October 23, 2019.

After discussion, Board Member Ramsay motioned, and Board Member Cartwright seconded to approve the October 23, 2019 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. BOE20-002: Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Board Attendance and recording of absences.

City Auditor Umesh Dalal reported on the updated City policy regarding categories of absences and the directive for all Board members to report absences to the City Secretary in order to confirm the recording of the absence as excused or unexcused.

- C. BOE 20-003: Receive a report, hold a discussion and take necessary action regarding potential changes to Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics), Sec. 2-269 including language proposed by Council Member Jesse Davis on January 7, 2020.

Chair Tomlin presented the language change proposed by Council Member Davis and after discussion, Board Member Cartwright motioned, and Council Member Johnson

seconded the motion to include Council Member Davis' proposed wording change to the Ethics Ordinance Letter of Recommendations to be presented for consideration to City Council.

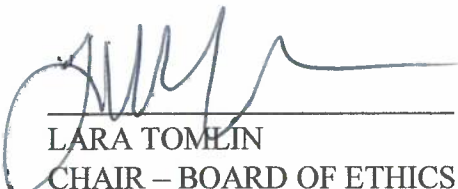
Ayes (5): Chair Tomlin, Board Members Cartwright, Johnson, Mohair, Beck

Nays (2): Board Members Ramsay and Cosimo

- D. BOE 20-004: Receive a report, hold a discussion and take necessary action regarding the confirmation of potential recommendations to the City Council for amendments to the Ethics Ordinance 18-757, pursuant to Denton Ethics Ordinance, Division 3, Section 2-277(i), including Council notification options of the Board's decisions.

Four exhibits were presented by Chair Tomlin for discussion. Board Member Ramsay motioned and Board Member Cosimo seconded to approve only Exhibit #3 (pertaining to Section 2-273(a)(1) submitted by Board Member Beck) for inclusion in the Letter of Recommendations for changes to the Ethics Ordinance to be presented for consideration to City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM



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

For: BETSY SNODGRASS – RECORDING SECRETARY
Michelle Coughlin

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____