City of Denton Board of Ethics

After determining that a quorum is present, the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas, will convene in a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Hannah Klaassen, and Members Annetta Ramsay, Tom Pryor, Dustin Pavelek, and Alternate Members Deborah Cosimo and David Zoltner

ABSENT: Chair Lara Tomlin and, Member Andrea Eberhard

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BOE22-031 Consider approval of minutes for October 3, 2022.

Vice-Chair Klaassen moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Pryor. Motion carried.
AYES (6): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Ramsay, Pryor, Pavelek, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Zoltner
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT 2): Chair Tomlin and, Member Eberhard

B. BOE22-033 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding a potential Ethics Ordinance amendment proposals dashboard.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Alternate Member Zoltner moved to approve publishing the dashboard as presented; motion seconded by Member Ramsay. Motion carried.
AYES (6): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Ramsay, Pryor, Pavelek, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Zoltner
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT 2): Chair Tomlin and, Member Eberhard

C. BOE22-032 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding potential procedures to identify and process Accepted Ethics Complaints that may be frivolous.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Member Pavelek moved that the Board should not be able to determine that an Actionable Complaint is a Frivolous Complaint within the same hearing; motion seconded by Alternate Member Zoltner. Motion carried.
AYES (6): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Ramsay, Pryor, Pavelek, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Zoltner
NAYS (0): None

ABSENT 2): Chair Tomlin and, Member Eberhard
Member Ramsay moved that the respondent should not receive notification of the Board of Ethics' determination from a Frivolity Hearing; motion seconded by Alternate Member Cosimo. Motion carried.
AYES (6): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Ramsay, Pryor, Pavelek, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Zoltner
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT 2): Chair Tomlin and, Member Eberhard

Member Ramsay moved that the Complainant should not be able to file for reconsideration once the Board has determined their complaint submitted complaint is a frivolous complaint; motion seconded by Member Pavelek. Motion carried.
AYES (6): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Ramsay, Pryor, Pavelek, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Zoltner
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT 2): Chair Tomlin and, Member Eberhard

D. BOE22-030 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Member Zoltner moved to add a discussion of the burden of proof to a future agenda; motion seconded by Member Ramsay. Motion carried.
AYES (6): Vice-Chair Klaassen, and Members Ramsay, Pryor, Pavelek, and Alternate Members Cosimo and Zoltner
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT 2): Chair Tomlin and, Member Eberhard

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

~~Hannah Klaassen~~ Lara Tomlin
Vice-Chair

Tammy Peal
Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON: January 9, 2023