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

PRESENT: Chair Ramsay, and Members Eberhard, Reinke, Zoltner, Pryor and Alternate Member Rayner.

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Pavelek.

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BOE23-042 Receive nominations and hold an election of a Chair and Vice Chair.

Member Zoltner nominated Annetta Ramsay to serve as Chair. Motion carried.
AYES (6): Chair Ramsay, and Members Eberhard, Reinke, Zoltner, Pryor and Alternate Member Rayner.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (1): Vice-Chair Pavelek.

Member Zoltner nominated Dustin Pavelek to serve as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.
AYES (6): Chair Ramsay, and Members Eberhard, Reinke, Zoltner, Pryor and Alternate Member Rayner.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (1): Vice-Chair Pavelek.

B. BOE23-047 Consider approval of minutes for October 2, 2023.

Member Reinke moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Eberhard. Motion carried.
AYES (5): Chair Ramsay, and Members Eberhard, Reinke, Zoltner, and Alternate Member Rayner.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSTAIN (1): Member Pryor.
ABSENT (1): Vice-Chair Pavelek.

C. BOE23-046 Hold a discussion and consider changes to the start time of regular Board of Ethics meetings.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Alternate Member Rayner moved to keep the current meeting time of 5:30 pm; motion seconded by Member Pryor. Motion carried.
AYES (4): Members Eberhard, Zoltner, Pryor and Alternate Member Rayner.
NAYS (1): Chair Ramsay.
ABSTAIN (1) Member Reinke.
ABSENT (1): Vice-Chair Pavelek.

D. BOE23-043 Receive training and hold a discussion regarding the City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics).

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

E. BOE23-045 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics), Sec. 2-269 Definitions and Sec. 2-273 Prohibitions.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. The Board gave staff direction to bring back options on how the conflict of interest prohibition could be amended based on their discussion.

Staff was directed to bring back additional options, focusing on what's to be eliminated and replaced.

F. BOE23-048 Management Reports

1. October 2023 Advisory Opinion Responses Report
2. Board of Ethics Alternates Upcoming City Council Discussion

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

G. BOE23-049 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Annetta Ramsay
Chair

~~Tammy Peal~~ Madison Rorschach
~~Recording~~ Secretary Staff Liaison

MINUTES APPROVED ON: December 4, 2023