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, January 8, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be considered:

PRESENT: Chair Annetta Ramsay, Vice-Chair Dustin Pavelek, and Members David Zoltner, Patricia Reinke, Andrea Eberhard, and Tom Pryor.

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BOE24-001 Consider approval of minutes from December 4, 2023.

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

AYES (6): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Zoltner, Reinke, Eberhard, and Pryor.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (0): If any.

B. BOE24-002 Hold a discussion and consider adoption of the 2024 meeting schedule.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Member Zoltner moved to approve the 2024 schedule as presented; motion seconded by Member Eberhard. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Zoltner, Reinke, Eberhard, and Pryor.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (0): If any.

C. BOE24-003 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.

Member Zoltner introduced Example #3 for discussion. (Attached below)

The Board of Ethics gave direction for Staff to draft language replacing Sec. 2-273 (a) Conflicts of Interest of the Ethics Ordinance with language similar to Sections 100 and 101 from CityEthics.org's Model Ethics Code.

D. BOE24-004 Management Reports

1. Board of Ethics 2023 Annual Activity Report

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

E. BOE24-005 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. The Board of Ethics gave staff direction to bring back draft language for Proposal 1) to eliminate the Complainant's burden of proof and testimony requirement in the Ethics Ordinance and Rules of Procedure and Proposal 2) to repeal and replace the Conflicts of Interest section of the Ethics Ordinance for discussion in February 2024.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Annetta Ramsay
Chair

~~Tammy Peat~~ Madison Rorschach
~~Recording Secretary~~ Staff liaison

APPROVED ON: February 5, 2024