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, February 5, 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, and Andrea Eberhard.

ABSENT: Member Tom Pryor.

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BOE24-006 Consider approval of minutes from January 8, 2024.

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

AYES (5): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Zoltner, Reinke, and Eberhard.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (1): Member Tom Pryor.

B. BOE24-007 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding draft redlines for potential proposed amendments from the Board of Ethics to 1) repeal and replace Ethics Ordinance Sec. 2-273 (a) Conflicts of Interest, and 2) eliminate Sec. 2-281 (c) (4) Burden of Proof, including amending the Board of Ethics' Rules of Procedure to adjust Evidentiary Hearing procedures to reflect the elimination of the requirement of the Complainant to testify at an evidentiary hearing.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. The Board gave direction to correct some non-substantive grammatical errors in the presented red lines.

Member Zoltner moved to amend the presented draft language in Sec. 2-273 (a) (d) (ii) to "A substantial Client or Customer;" motion seconded by Member Eberhard. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Zoltner, Reinke, and Eberhard.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (1): Member Tom Pryor.

C. BOE24-008 Management Reports

1. January 2024 Advisory Opinion Responses Report

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

E. BOE24-009 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 requested staff provide information on campaign financing requirements by the next meeting. In addition, the Board of Ethics gave staff direction to bring back redlines related to Proposal 1 amending Sec. 2-272 Mandates (C) and (d) and to place an item on a future agenda to discuss the definition of Complainant as defined in Sec. 2-269 of the Ethics Ordinance.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Annetta Ramsay
Chair

Madison Rorschach
Recording Secretary

APPROVED ON: March 4, 2024