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, March 4, 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 Patricia Reinke and Andrea Eberhard.

ABSENT: Member David Zoltner.

1. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BOE24-011 Consider approval of minutes from February 5 and February 8, 2024.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Member Eberhard moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Vice-Chair Pavelek.

AYES (4): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Reinke and Eberhard.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (1): Member David Zoltner.

B. BOE24-012 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.

C. BOE24-013 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding forwarding proposals to amend City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics) and the Board of Ethics Rules of Procedure to the City Council.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Vice-Chair Pavelek moved to forward the proposed amendments to the City Council; motion seconded by Member Eberhard.

AYES (4): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Reinke and Eberhard.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (1): Member David Zoltner.

D. BOE24-014 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the definition of Complainant as it relates to the City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics).

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Vice-Chair Pavelek moved to postpone the item to the next regular meeting; motion seconded by Member Eberhard.

AYES (4): Chair Ramsay, Vice-Chair Pavelek, and Members Reinke and Eberhard.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (1): Member David Zoltner.

E. BOE24-015 Management Reports

1. City Council Candidate Letter (Financial Disclosures Information)
2. February 2024 Advisory Opinion Responses Report

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

F. BOE24-016 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. The item BOE24-014 will be discussed in the next meeting on April 1, 2024.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Annetta Ramsay
Chair

Joseph Haddad
Recording Secretary

APPROVED ON: June 3rd 2024