

CITY OF DENTON

**BOARD OF ETHICS
MEETING MINUTES
September 11, 2019**

After determining that a quorum was present, a meeting of the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas convened regular meeting on Wednesday September 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Work Session Room, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Lara Tomlin Chair; Vice Chair Charla Bradshaw and Board Members Deborah Cosimo, Rob Rayner, Robert Swanbeck and Annetta Ramsay

ABSENT: Ron Johnson (Excused), Don Cartwright (Unexcused), Ronnie Mohair (Excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Trey Lansford, Deputy City Attorney; Ryan Adams, Deputy Director Public Affairs; Umesh Dalal, City Auditor; Betsy Snodgrass, Recording Secretary

Chair Tomlin opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- A. BOE 19-043: Consider approval of the minutes for August 29, 2019

After discussion, Board Member Rayner motioned, and Board Member Cosimo seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. BOE19-044: Receive a report, hold a discussion and take necessary action regarding the Board of Ethics public meeting televised video recordings and identification of meetings to be recorded.

Ryan Adams answered questions pertaining to the recording of Board of Ethics meetings and the City Council's direction to have all Board of Ethics meetings televised and video recorded. After discussion, Board Member Ramsay motioned, and Vice Chair Bradshaw seconded to approve the televising and recording of all meetings to include regular meetings, preliminary assessments, advisory opinions and hearings. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. BOE19-045: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action confirming potential recommendations to the City Council for amendments to the Rules of Procedure, originally confirmed by Ordinance 18-1839, pursuant to Denton Ethics Ordinance, Division 3, Section 2-277(k).

Chair Tomlin provided a draft of suggested amendments to the Rules of Procedure for Board Member's review and discussion. Board Member Rayner motioned, and Vice

Chair Bradshaw seconded to approve the changes to the Rules of Procedure as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.


- D. BOE 19-046: Receive a report, hold a discussion regarding additional potential recommendations to the City Council for amendments to the Ethics Ordinance 18-757, pursuant to Denton Ethics Ordinance, Division 3, Section 2-277(i) and take necessary action to approve recommended changes.

The Board continued a prior meeting discussion on the Ethics Ordinance definitions of Conflicting Interest, Pending Matter, family member's relation to City Officials and other prohibitions that may lead to a violation of the Ethics Code.


Chair Tomlin called for a recess at 6:34pm; the meeting continued at 6:41pm.

After discussion, the Board agreed to discuss Conflicting Interest at a future meeting. Board Member Rayner motioned, and Vice Chair Bradshaw seconded to add a reference in the definition of "Relative" to Government Code Title 5, Subtitle B, Chapter 573. The Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM



LARA TOMLIN
CHAIR – BOARD OF ETHICS
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS



BETSY SNODGRASS – RECORDING SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 10-23-19