

DRAFT MINUTES
LANSING CITY BOARD OF ETHICS
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Due to public safety concerns resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom Conferencing by clicking Zoom Code is 517 483 4131

MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Doyle (remotely from Lansing, MI)
Keith Kris (remotely from Lansing, MI)
Lori Adams Simon (remotely from Lansing, MI)
John Folkers, Chairperson (remotely from Lansing, MI)
Janielle Houston (remotely from Lansing, MI)

ABSENT: Cole R Bouck
Aini Abukar

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Sumner, City Attorney's Office
Brian P Jackson, City Clerk's Office
Joseph Abood, Chief Deputy City Attorney
Allie Swartz, City Clerk's Office

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Keith Kris to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Lori Adams Simon to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2021

MOTION CARRIED

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

New Business:

1. Statements of Financial Interests with no items disclosed:

Ayala, Guadalupe	DEI Officer, Human Relations & Community Services
Stevenson, Matthew	Analyst, Human Relations & Community Services
Young, Toni	Contract Manager, Human Relations & Community Services

The Board reviewed the Statement of Financial Interests with no items disclosed and found no issues to further debate or discuss.

Moved by Keith Kris to place affidavit on file and finds no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

2. Statements of Financial Interests with items disclosed:

Dunbar, Kim	Grants Manager, Human Relations & Community Services
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Moved by Keith Kris to place Kim Dunbar's Statement of Financial Interest on file and finds no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

Freeman, Renee
Services

Department Coordinator, Human Relations & Community

Moved by Lori Adams Simon to place Renee Freeman's Statement of Financial Interest on file and finds no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

Gillespie, Kimberly
Services

Contract Admin Tech, Human Relations & Community

Moved by Keith Kris to place Kimberly Gillespie's Statement of Financial Interest on file and finds no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

McDonald, Joseph
Services

Housing Ombudsmen, Human Relations & Community

Moved by Janielle Houston to place Joseph McDonald's Statement of Financial Interest on file and finds no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

Moses, Delvata
Services

Commission Investigator, Human Relations & Community

Moved by Janielle Houston to place Delvata Moses' Statement of Financial Interest on file and finds no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

Urista, Katrina
Services

Contract Manager, Human Relations & Community

Moved by Keith Kris to place Katrina Urista's Statement of Financial Interest on file and finds no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

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3. Recommended Revisions to Financial Interest Forms from the Clerk's Office

Moved by Keith Kris to adopt the revisions as proposed.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

4. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Lori Adams Simon elected to nominate R Cole Bouck for Chairperson.

Moved by Lori Adams Simon to cast the unanimous ballot to nominate R Cole Bouck (pending his acceptance) for Chairperson.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

Lori Adams Simon elected to nominate Janielle Houston for Vice-Chairperson.

Moved by Keith Kris to cast the unanimous ballot to nominate Cole R Bouck (pending his acceptance) for Chairperson.

Note: Cole R Bouck did accept the nomination on June 8th after the meeting adjourned.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Moved by Keith Kris pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act, I hereby move that the Board recess into closed session to consult with the City Attorney to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute. Specifically, to discuss written legal opinions from the City Attorney provided under attorney-client privilege and attorney work-product, Interim Update on Complaint 2021-002 and Interim Update on Complaint 2021-003 which is also exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to MCL 15.243(1) (g)..

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

Reconvene to Open Session

Deliberation by the Board regarding the independent attorney's opinion.

Moved by Lori Adams Simon to accept the independent attorney's recommendations, place the recommendation on file, release the recommendation to the public, and refer the relevant section of the opinion to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Board Members Doyle, Simon, Folkers, Houston, Kris

Nays: None

CHAIR'S REPORT: None.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNED 6:40 p.m.