CITY OF LANSING - BOARD OF ETHICS

REGULAR MEETING

November 9, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM

2500 SOUTH WASHINGTON

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

□ Keith Kris
□ Connie Doyle
□ R Cole Bouck, Chairperson
□ Janielle Houston, Vice-Chairperson
□ John Folkers
□ Lori Adams Simon

A Quorum is: □ Present □ Not Present

□ Others Present:

PUBLIC COMMENT (TIME LIMIT OF 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA □ As Submitted □ With Changes Noted

SECRETARY'S REPORT □ Approval of Minutes:

Communication from Robert Engel regarding a "Claim of Discrimination with Pension funds taken under false pretenses"

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Schedule for 2022

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

LANSING CITY BOARD OF ETHICS
REGULAR MEETING
October 12, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

Conference Room
South Washington Office Complex
2500 S. Washington

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: R Cole Bouck
John Folkers
Lori Adams Simon
Janielle Houston

ABSENT: Connie Doyle
Keith Kris (arrived at 5:36 p.m.)

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Bowen, City Attorney's Office
Brian P Jackson, City Clerk's Office

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Janielle Houston to approve the agenda With Changes Noted.

Motion carried

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Moved by John Folkers to approve the Minutes of August 10,, 2021

Motion carried

Resignation of Aini Abukar

Moved by Lori Adams Simon to accept the resignation with regret

Discussion of the impact of the approval of Resolution 2021-203 Open Meeting Act to allow virtual participation by Board Members under very limited circumstances until Dec. 31, 2021

New Business:

1. Affidavit of Disclosure Willard Walker, Human Resources and Community Service

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

Motion carried

2. Affidavit of Disclosure Katrina Urista, Human Resources and Community Service

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

Motion carried

3. Affidavit of Disclosure Tori Brooks, Lansing Police Department

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

Motion carried

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Update on the Law Department hosting their first ever criminal expungement clinic

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Discussion of the process of referral from LPD to the Board of Ethics

TABLED ITEMS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNED 5:56 p.m.

Jackson, Brian

From: Board of Ethics <BOE@LISTSERV.LANSINGMI.GOV> on behalf of Robert Engel <2robert0e@GMAIL.COM>
Sent: Sunday, October 24, 2021 6:19 PM
To: BOE@LISTSERV.LANSINGMI.GOV
Subject: Discrimination Claim

Robert John Engel, Retiree
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2robert0e@gmail.com
603 331 1728

Ways and Means Committee
City of Lansing
City Council
10th floor, City Hall
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Attention: Carol Wood, Chairperson
RE: Claim of Discrimination, with Pension funds taken under false pretenses, Teamsters 580/243 Retiree Healthcare.

To Ways and Means Committee,

It's been 11 years since I filed my Discrimination Claim with the city attorney, and during this time he has never responded by denying my Claim or returning my $17,834.24 taken illegally from my pension.

I was promised by the city, a lifetime healthcare benefit in retirement for myself and my wife as a result of the 2005 Early Out Incentive. This reference to Traditional Blue Cross/Blue Shield. This Traditional plan was not available to actives. So it could not be Tie bar to actives. The 2000-2003 contract and 2003-2007 contract reads exactly the same. Yet retirees under 2000-2003 contract continued their existing healthcare benefits at no cost. Under my own 2003-2007 contract, eleven (11) retirees continued their HC at no cost; yet twenty (20) of us were Discriminated against, and defrauded out of our pensions.

My claim is based on Discrimination. I was treated differently than those in my same group. I was charged more than those in my same group. My Claim and many follow up letters to the city attorney have been ignored.

So I ask, the Ways and Means Committee to take action and return what was taken illegally from me.

Below is the amount of the unauthorized HC withdrawals from my pension that I have paid income taxes on, and would like refunded tax free.

2010	$41.66
2011	$212.55
2012	$510.12
2013	$510.12
2014	$3,742.59
2015	$6,773.10
2016	$5,360.48
2017	$1,540.42
Refunded 05/31/2015	-$856.80
Total	$17,834.24

Sincerely, Robert John Engel

CC: Board of Ethics

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Chris Swope
Lansing City Clerk

CITY OF LANSING
BOARD OF ETHICS
2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Second Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise notified.

January 11, 2022
February 8, 2022
March 8, 2022
April 12, 2022
May 10, 2022
June 14, 2022
July 12, 2022
August 9, 2022
September 13, 2022
October 11, 2022
November 8, 2022
December 13, 2022

The Board of Ethics will meet at the South Washington Election Unit, 2500 S. Washington at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise notified.

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