

**MINUTES
LANSING CITY BOARD OF ETHICS
REGULAR MEETING
March 23, 2023 5:30 PM**

Training Room
South Washington Office Complex
2500 S. Washington

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim DeLine
John Folkers
Janielle Houston, Vice-Chairperson
R Cole Bouck, Chairperson

ABSENT: Keith Kris (arrived at 5:33 p.m.)

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian P Jackson, City Clerk's Office
Amany Williams, Assistant City Attorney
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Lauren Welch, City Clerk Intern

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Janielle Houston to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Jim DeLine to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2023 with one correction

MOTION CARRIED

Resignation of Brendon Basiga

Moved by John Folkers to accept the resignation of Brendon Basiga and to send a letter of gratitude for his service from the Board of Ethics

MOTION CARRIED

Reschedule of August 8th Meeting from Primary Election Night

Moved by Janielle Houston to accept the revised meeting schedule for 2023 with a new date of August 15th instead of a week earlier.

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Ethics selected Wednesday, July 19th as their top preference to enjoy the City of Lansing suite for a Lugnuts game. The Clerk's Office will follow up with details upon confirmation from the Mayor's Office.

New Business:

Letter Regarding Sister Cities Commission, Andy Schor, Mayor

Moved by Janielle Houston to place letter on file having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time. In addition, the Board's written response will include a reminder for the Mayor to recuse himself from approving any contracts to the Sister Cities Commission and continue to notify the Board of any potential conflict of interest.

Motion Carried

Statement of Financial Interests, Rev. Thomas Woods, Human Relations and Community Service Board

Moved by Jim DeLine to place Statement of Financial Interests on file after the Clerk's Office has provided additional information of Job Title for Rev. Woods, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time.

Motion Carried

Statement of Financial Interests, Melissa Horste, Human Relations and Community Service Board

Moved by Keith Kris to place Statement of Financial Interests on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time.

Motion Carried

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Detroit Board of Ethics Conference – Interest Inventory

Cole Bouck and Jim DeLine expressed interest in attending the conference.

Clerk Office will follow up with the host about cost and any additional information, and who will be responsible to pay for charges.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNED 5:59 p.m.