

DRAFT MINUTES
LANSING CITY BOARD OF ETHICS
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 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:

R Cole Bouck, Chairperson
Janielle Houston, Vice-Chairperson
Keith Kris
Jim DeLine
John Folkers
Jim Cavanagh
Trini Pehlivanoglu -

ABSENT: None

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian P Jackson, City Clerk's Office
Amany Williams, Assistant City Attorney
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Lauren Welch, City Clerk's Office

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Keith Kris to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Janielle Houston to approve the Minutes of March 23, 2023 with one amendment.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Statement of Financial Interests, Emily Linden, Internal Auditor

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:

Moved by Cole Bouck that pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act, the Board shall 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, and which is also exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to MCL 15.243(1) (g). For this session, the topic is the Preliminary Written Analysis on Complaint 2023-001

Motion carried, by unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Board Arise and returns back to OPEN SESSION

Moved by Jim DeLine to authorize the City Attorney to obtain services of attorney Gouri Sashital to investigate complaint 2023-001 and that items discussed in closed session remain confidential.

Motion Carried

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chairperson reminded the Board that the election of Chair and Co-Chair scheduled for July 2023, and that Cole is ineligible per bylaws from being the Chair for another term.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Detroit Board of Ethics Conference - May 16, 2023

There is no charge for the Conference, but the agenda has not been set either.

ADJOURNED 6:13 p.m.