

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

Election Unit 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
Trini Lopez-Pehlivanoglu

ABSENT: Jim Cavanagh

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe Abood, City Attorney's Office
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Brian P Jackson, City Clerk's Office
Grace Hocking, City Clerk's Office
Eric Doster, Doster Law Offices
Brendon Basiga, Basiga Law Firm
Trayshawn Holbrook

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brendon Basiga spoke about Complaint 2023-001.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED by Janielle Houston to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Janielle Houston to approve the Minutes of May 9, 2023, with one correction.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Updated Statement of Financial Interest, Melissa Horste, HRCS Board Member

MOVED by Keith Kris to place Melissa Horste's Updated Statement of Financial Interest 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:

Lansing Lugnuts Disclosure Opinion

Deputy City Attorney Joe Abood gave an update regarding the Lansing Lugnuts ticket disclosure requirement for Elected Officials.

As stated in a City Attorney opinion, Lugnuts tickets do not have to be disclosed on their Statements of Financial Interest form, as the stadium is owned by the City of Lansing, and tickets are dispersed to each department.

Analysis on Complaint 2023-001

Deputy City Attorney Joe Abood presented the Preliminary Written Analysis to the board.

MOVED by Janielle Houston to accept the Preliminary Written Analysis and for the Analysis to become a public record.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy City Attorney Joe Abood presented the Investigation Summary Report to the board.

MOVED by Keith Kris to accept the Investigation Summary Report onto public record with typographical corrections.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Keith Kris to schedule a Special Board of Ethics meeting for June 6, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the South Washington Election Unit to further review Complaint 2023-001.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chairperson Bouck reminded the Board of the upcoming election of Chair and Co-Chair at the July meeting, and that he is ineligible per bylaws from being the Chair for another term.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Jim DeLine provided a summary of the recent Detroit Board of Ethics Conference.

ADJOURNED 6:50 p.m.