

**DRAFT MINUTES
LANSING CITY BOARD OF ETHICS
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2023 5:30 PM**

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
Janielle Houston
Keith Kris
Jim DeLine
John Folkers
Jim Cavanagh
Louise Alderson
Trini Lopez-Pehlivanoglu

ABSENT: None.

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe Abood, City Attorney's Office
Amany Williams, City Attorney's Office
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Brian P Jackson, City Clerk's Office
Grace Hocking, City Clerk's Office
Members of the Public

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Lynn spoke about the Communication from Erica Lynn.

Erica Lynn spoke about the Communication from herself.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOVED by Keith Kris to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Keith Kris to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

Communication from Erica Lynn

MOVED by Janielle Houston to receive communication and place on file.

MOTION CARRIED

Update on South Washington Election Unit as a Future Meeting Location

Brian Jackson provided an update on the need to move to a new location as the South Washington Office complex will be demolished.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (8.2 and 8.3 of Procedure)

MOVED by Keith Kris to nominate Jim DeLine for Vice-Chairperson

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED by Louise Alderson to nominate Janielle Houston for Chairperson

MOTION CARRIED

2. Statement of Financial Interests, Daphine Whitfield, Human Resources Community Service Department

MOVED by Cole Bouck to place the 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

3. Affidavit of Disclosure, Jeffrey Brown, City Council

MOVED by Cole Bouck to place the Affidavit of Disclosure on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance or other issues to further debate or discuss at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Statement of Financial Interests, Jeffrey Brown, City Council

MOVED by Louise Alderson to place the 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 Janielle Houston 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 2023-002.

MOTION CARRIED, by unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Board Arise and returns to **OPEN SESSION**

MOVED by Cole Bouck to accept the recommendations from the City Attorney's office and place the recommendation on file. Additionally, that items discussed in closed session remain confidential.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chairperson Houston thanked Cole Bouck for his contributions to the Ethics Board as the Chairperson for the last two terms.

TABLED ITEMS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ADJOURNED 6:12 p.m.