

**MINUTES
LANSING CITY BOARD OF ETHICS
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2024 5:30 PM**

Meeting Room
Reo Elections Office
1221 Reo Rd Lansing

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janielle Houston, Chairperson
Jim DeLine, Vice-Chairperson
John Folkers
Jim Cavanagh
R Cole Bouck
Keith Kris
Rachelle Franklin
Louise Alderson

ABSENT:

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Swope, City Clerk
Zachary Lemaster, City Clerk's Staff
Matt Staples, Assistant City Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Jim DeLine to approve the agenda as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Cavanagh to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2024 with edits.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS:

Statement of Financial Interests Jennifer Czeiszperger City Assessor

Moved by Member 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 UNANIMOUSLY.

Affidavit of Disclosure Timothy Martin-Losacco Police Department

Moved by Member Alderson to place Timothy Martin-Losacco Affidavit of Disclosure on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time. The Board's written response will include a reminder of their ongoing duty to submit a new Affidavit of Disclosure if any new and relevant information arises.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Affidavit of Disclosure Christie Chiles Police Department

Moved by Member Alderson to place Jacklyn Dublin's 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 UNANIMOUSLY.

Affidavit of Disclosure Jeremy Rugenstein Police Department

Moved by Member Cavanagh to place Jeremy Rugenstein Affidavit of Disclosure on file, having found no violation of the Ethics Ordinance at this time. The Board's written response will include a reminder of their ongoing duty to submit a new Affidavit of Disclosure if any new and relevant information arises.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Moved by Member Houston that Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) of the Open Meetings Act, I hereby move that the Board 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
Complaint 2023-003 and 2023-004

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Members Houston, DeLine, Cavanagh, Franklin, Bouck, Kris,
Folkers, Alderson

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board entered closed session at 5:49 PM

The board resumed open session at 6:27 PM

Moved by Member Bouck to accept complaint 2023-003.

MOTION CARRIED 7-1 with Jim DeLine voting no.

The board deliberated on the merit of complaint 2023-003.

Moved by Member Alderson to not support the findings or conclusion of the report, that it was noted open to the public, the lack of training on confidentiality regarding BS&A..

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board discussed the motion on the table.

Member Houston Moved to recuse herself from voting on complaint 2023-004.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Member Keith to table Complaint 2023-004 to be addressed after Legal Council has responded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR'S REPORT: Member Houston thanked the board for their service.

TABLED ITEMS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No action taken on Statement of Financial Interests for Frank Lee of the HRCS Board

ADJOURNED 6:51 p.m.