

Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes Via Zoom Conference 4:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnston, Chair, at 3:36 p.m. The following people attended:

Commission Members – Denison Hatch, Jr., William D. Johnston (Chair), Katherine M. Klocko, and Faith Meisinger-Petit. A quorum was established.

Members Frank Hawkins (Vice Chair), Melvin Phillips, and Charles Toliver, IV were not in attendance.

City Solicitor's Office - Javette Lane.

Ethics Commission Counsel - William Larson.

Members of the public - None.

The minutes of the January 12, 2021, Commission meeting were reviewed. It was properly moved by Ms. Klocko and seconded by Ms. Meisinger-Petit to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications - None.

Committees – None.

Update on Financial Disclosures – There is one Financial Disclosure Form in need of notarization. The effort to secure notarization of the form is ongoing.

Ethics Disclosure Database – After meeting with the City's Information Technology Department, the Commission has devised a procedure to index and electronically store in the future all Financial Disclosure Forms.

Ethics Training for City Council – All but three councilmembers were available to participate in two scheduled training sessions. A recording of the session was sent to each of the three participants who were unable to attend a session. Mr. Larson will reach out to the Human Resources Department to ascertain how the training might be expanded to other City employees.

Update on Appointment of New Commission Members – The Mayor has appointed Mr. Theophilus R. Nix, Jr., and Mr. William S. Montgomery as new members of the Commission. The appointments are pending until the passage of a Resolution at the next City Council meeting confirming their membership.

Unfinished Business – None.

Miscellaneous Business – Members of the Commission extend condolences to Commissioner Charles Toliver, IV, upon the passing of his mother.

Members of the Commission extend condolences to City Solicitor Robert M. Goff, upon the passing of his father.

Members of the Commission extend condolences to former Councilmember Michael Hare, upon the passing of his mother.

The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 4 p.m., Louis L. Redding City/County Building, 5th Floor Atrium Conference Room or via Zoom Teleconference. It was moved by Mr. Hatch and seconded by Mr. Johnston to adjourn at 4:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Javette Lane