



May 16, 2023

Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Meisinger-Petit, Chair, at 4:06 p.m. The following people attended:

Members in attendance via Zoom – William D. Johnston, Faith Meisinger-Petit (Chair), William S. Montgomery, and Charles H. Toliver, IV. A quorum was established.

Members not in attendance – Katherine Klocko, Theophilus R. Nix, Jr. (Vice Chair), and Melvin Phillips.

Ethics Commission Counsel – William Larson.

Law Department – Javette Lane.

Minutes – It was properly moved by Mr. Toliver and seconded by Mr. Montgomery to accept the minutes from the public session as written and with one amendment to the minutes of the executive sessions by adding the time the Commission moved back to public session. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on 2023 Annual Ethics Training for City Employees – Eighty-six percent of the City's employees have completed the training. The Human Resources Department hopes to have 100% completion by the month's end.

Update on 2023 Annual Disclosures – All forms have been submitted by Commission members. Three members of City Council still need to submit their forms. There are also still a few outstanding forms from elected personnel. Forms from the Boards and Commissions members are coming in slowly. The Law Department will continue to encourage submission of the forms.

Update on Complaint 2022-02 – At 4:14 p.m., Mr. Toliver moved, and Mr. Montgomery seconded to move into executive session to discuss the complaint. Motion passed unanimously.

At 4:22 p.m., Mr. Montgomery moved to come back to regular session. Mr. Toliver seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Meisinger-Petit moved, and Mr. Johnston seconded to give Special Counsel to July 11, 2023, to complete his investigation. Motion passed unanimously.

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Communications – A concern was submitted about the location of the residence of one of the members of Council. The Commission determined the concern is not one that is under their purview. Mr. Larson and Ms. Meisinger-Petit will respond to the complainant.

Committees– None.

Unfinished Business – None.

Miscellaneous Business – None.

The next meeting of the Ethics Commission is Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 4 p.m., via Zoom Teleconference.

At 4:36 p.m., Mr. Toliver moved, and Mr. Montgomery seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Javette Lane