



October 8, 2019

Ethics Commission Meeting Minutes
Louis L. Redding City/County Building
800 N. French Street
5th Floor Atrium Conference Room
Wilmington, DE 19801

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnston, Chair, at 4:15 p.m. The following people attended:

Commission Members – Frank Hawkins (Vice Chair), William D. Johnston (Chair), Katherine M. Klocko, Faith Meisinger-Petit, Melvin Philips, and Charles Toliver, IV. A quorum was established.

Member Denison Hatch, Jr. was not in attendance.

City Solicitor's Office - Javette Lane.

Ethics Commission Counsel – William Larson.

Members of the public – Michelle L. Fuller.

The minutes of the September 10, 2019 Commission meeting and executive session were reviewed. It was properly moved by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Mr. Toliver to approve both sets of minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commission reviewed changes to the Ethics Commission Rules proposed by the City Solicitor's Office. After review, Mr. Toliver moved, and Ms. Klocko seconded to adopt the new Rules as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications – None.

Unfinished Business – Mr. Larson will inquire with the Mayor's Office about the status of onboarding new Commission members.

Miscellaneous Business – The November meeting has been moved back to its original date of November 12, 2019.

At 4:30 pm, Mr. Toliver moved, and Ms. Klocko seconded to go into executive session pursuant to 29 Del C. § 10004(b)(6) and W.C.C. § 2-345(h) to discuss the results of a confidential investigation and a potential ethics complaint. Motion passed unanimously.

It was properly moved by Mr. Hawkins and seconded by Ms. Klocko at 5:23 pm, to end the executive session and move the meeting back to public session. Motion passed unanimously.

It was properly moved by Mr. Toliver and seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the City Solicitor's report and recommendation to take no action and to dismiss the complaint discussed during executive session. Motion passed unanimously. A letter indicating the outcome will be sent to the complainant.

Mr. Toliver properly moved, and Mr. Phillips seconded to report to the City Solicitor that the matter forwarded to them for consideration involving two voicemails does include an ethical complaint and therefore, does not fall within the Commission's jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 4 p.m., Louis L. Redding City/County Building, 5th Floor Atrium Conference Room. It was properly moved by Mr. Toliver and seconded by Ms. Klocko to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Javette Lane