



December 15, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnston, Chair, at 4:07 p.m. The following people attended:

Commission Members – Denison Hatch, Jr., William D. Johnston (Chair), Faith Meisinger-Petit, Melvin Phillips, Charles Toliver, IV. A quorum was established.

Member Frank Hawkins (Vice Chair), and Katherine M. Klocko were not in attendance.

City Solicitor's Office - Javette Lane.

Ethics Commission Counsel – William Larson.

Members of the public – None.

The minutes of the November 24, 2020, Commission meeting were reviewed. It was properly moved by Mr. Toliver and seconded by Mr. Hatch to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications – None.

Committees– None.

Update on Financial Disclosures – There is one outstanding Financial Disclosure Form. The Commission will inquire as to whether the Planning Department can assist with retrieval of the form.

Mr. Hatch moved, and Mr. Toliver seconded to refer the Opinion resulting from Complaint 2019-03 to the Attorney General's Office for review. Motion passed unanimously.

Ethics Disclosure Database – The Commission continues to work with the IT Department to meet the recommendation from the Auditor's Office for an electronic database for ethics disclosures. Ms. Meisinger-Petit will investigate pro-bono options for storage of the documents.

Ethics Training for City Council – The Commission will invite members of City Council to attend an ethics training session in January.

Update on Appointment of New Commission Members – Requests to join the Commission have gone out to two prospective new commissioners. Mr. Larson will update the Commission once the two prospective commissioners respond to the request.

Unfinished Business – None.

Miscellaneous Business – None.

The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 4 p.m., Louis L. Redding City/County Building, 5th Floor Atrium Conference Room or via Zoom Teleconference. Meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m., by acclamation.

Javette Lane