

**BOARD OF ETHICS
WORK SESSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2019**

After determining that a quorum of the Board is present, the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a Work Session Thursday February 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Finance Conference Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Jesse Davis, Chair, Ron Johnson, Don Cartwright, Lara Tomlin, Karen McDaniels, Deborah Cosimo

STAFF PRESENT: Umesh Dalal, City Auditor; Trey Lansford, Deputy City Attorney; Betsy Snodgrass, Administrative Assistant

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

OTHERS: Herbert Prouty, Outside Counsel representing the Alan Bojorquez Firm; Peggy Heinkel-Wolfe, Pati Haworth, Ryan Higgs, Brianna Adams

Jesse Davis, Chair of the City of Denton Board of Ethics brought the meeting to order at: 5:33 p.m.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Election of a temporary chairperson

Davis stated that the first Board for consideration is to elect a temporary Chairperson. Lara Tomlin asked if this should be for an election of a Vice Chairperson or Temporary Chairperson. Davis stated that the Vice Chairperson position has not been vacated. Trey Lansford agreed and stated that the topic of Vice Chairperson was not on the Agenda. Herbert Prouty agreed.

Davis continued with a brief description of the Ethics Ordinance (18-757) and Rules of Procedure (18-1839) definitions regarding the duties of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and City Auditor. Chairperson is defined in the Ethics Code. Davis then asked for nominations for Temporary Chairperson.

Ron Johnson nominated Lara Tomlin and Don Cartwright seconded. Davis noted that he did not participate in the vote. All others agreed, and Tomlin accepted the nomination for Temporary Chairperson.

Davis then thanked the Board and left the meeting at 5:36 pm.

Prouty and Tomlin then asked to adjourn to closed session for consultation with Attorney, consistent with Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, on open agenda items at 5:38 pm.

Open session reconvened at 5:59 pm.

2. Assignment of a three-member panel to conduct Preliminary Assessment of EC19-001
Tomlin appointed the Panel to consider Complaint EC19-001 as herself, Ron Johnson and Deborah Cosimo.

3. Hold a discussion and give staff direction regarding the scheduling of EC19-001 Preliminary Hearing.

After comparing calendars, the Panel meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

NOTE: The Board of Ethics reserves the right to adjourn into a Closed Meeting on any item on its Open Meeting Agenda consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law.