



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF ETHICS

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

2100 Ridge Ave, Room 2402

Members Present: Kelda Harris-Harty, Jennifer Bilingsley, Elizabeth Gustafson and Vincent Thomas.

Members Absent: Jennifer Billingsley

Staff Present: Alexandra MacKey, Staff Attorney

Presiding Member: Kelda Harris-Harty, Committee Chair

1. Quorum:

Chairwoman, Harris-Harty declared that the Board had a quorum, with 4 of 5 members present and called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Minutes: The board approved the minutes of August 15, 2017.

3. Public Comment: Misty Witenberg spoke about the board is reviewing the code and process to file an Ethics violation as many changes are needed. She spoke about making the process easier on citizens and the code needing to be written in plain English. She also spoke about her concerns that the Board of Ethics members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council, when the Board reports to the Mayor and City Council.

4. Old Business: Code revisions continue to be discussed. Several changes were proposed including: making the Board of Ethics meeting time more flexible, clarifying if the code applies to independence contractors with the City and all hired contractors, the waiver process and sample waivers, simplifying the complaint filing process including a form to file a complaint as well as the City mailing out the complaint to the subject of the complaint, and removing the Law Department's ability to administratively dismiss a complaint.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.