

# **BOWIE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION**

## **Minutes**

### **December 18, 2018 - Open Meeting**

A meeting of the Bowie City Ethics Commission was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in the City Manager's conference room at Bowie City Hall. Commission members in attendance were Vince Canales, Karl Stehmer, Alan Kolski, Jay Fagan, and Ben Woolery. Also in attendance were Fred Sussman, Counsel for the Commission, and Assistant City Manager Daniel Mears, liaison to the Commission, and Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Member Canales.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting. Mr. Stehmer moved approval of the minutes and Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Mears presented an overview of recommended changes to the Financial Disclosure Statements (FDS) for elected officials and employees and commission members. After discussion, the members asked to amend the letter sent along with the FDS to include a sentence stating the commission will only accept original forms with signatures, and to amend the sentence highlighting the sanction to state the late fee would be effective beginning the first day following the deadline. Additionally, on Schedule G of the elected official FDS the word any would be emphasized in the first item, and the sentence beginning "A minor" would start on a new line. Mr. Stehmer moved approval of the changes and Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

In other items, the commission discussed the FDS form that had not been previously submitted by Mr. Salzberg who did not originally sign the submittal. The commission agreed not to pursue obtaining an original signature in light of Mr. Salzberg no longer serving on a commission.

The commission discussed whether there is a need for a FDS to be completed by applicants to the vacant City Council seat. After discussion and reviewing the code by Mr. Sussman, it was agreed that applicants do not need to complete and FDS, and the appointed Council member would not need to complete one until 2020.

There being no further business to come before the Commission Mr. Stehmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m. Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**[The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be held on Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Manager's conference room.]**

Daniel Mears

Staff Liaison to the Ethics  
Commission