

BOWIE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION

Minutes

March 16, 2021 – Open Meeting

A meeting of the Bowie City Ethics Commission was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 via Microsoft Teams. Commission members in attendance were Vince Canales, Karl Stehmer, Alan Kolski, Jay Fagan, and Daniel Thomas. Also in attendance were Fred Sussman, Counsel for the Commission, and Assistant City Manager Daniel Mears, liaison to the Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Mr. Canales.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting. Mr. Stehmer moved approval of the minutes with a change in the first line to correct the date of the meeting and Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Sussman provided an overview of the revised FDS forms for the 2020 reporting period. Councilmembers Ndebumadu and Boafo had each revised their Schedule G and were OK. The revised forms of Woolfley, Mears, Yancy, and Kolski were OK. It was noted that the position listed by Rhone was not correct. Mayor Adams submitted a revised FDS correcting the previously cited issues, except in Schedule G no source of income was listed in the resubmittal.

Gaines submitted the FDS and the submittal was OK. Councilmember Gardner submitted an FDS, however there were three items missing from the submittal. His FDS did not include his position on the first page, in Schedule A1 it was not noted whether the property was his home address or not, and in Schedule G2b. there was no phone number listed for his source of income.

After discussion on the submitted forms, Mr. Stehmer moved approval of the FDS of Adams, Boafo, Ndebumadu, Woolfley, Gaines, Mears, Yancy, Kolski, and Rhone, pending Rhone updating the form with the correct position and Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

After discussion of Mr. Esteve's form which had not been updated to reflect the frequency of the rent payment, Mr. Stehmer moved approval of Mr. Esteve's FDS and Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission discussed the FDS statements that were not submitted by their extended deadline. Mr. Robinson's FDS had had been received for 2019 or 2020, and he had been sent a letter advising him of the consequence of not submitting. Councilmember Gardner submitted his FDS just that morning, sixteen days past the extended deadline. Mr. Stehmer moved to waive the collection of late penalties for Councilmember Gardner and Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion passed 5-0

The Commission identified April 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. as the next potential date for an Ethics Commission meeting.

There being no further open session business to come before the Commission Mr. Stehmer moved to adjourn the open meeting at 3:31pm and reconvene in closed session per Statutory authority to close the meeting under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) (1) “To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”; (2) “To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business”; (7) “To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice,” to discuss requests for an Advisory Opinion, Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Daniel Mears
Staff Liaison to the Ethics Commission