

# BOWIE CITY ETHICS COMMISSION

## Minutes

### March 8, 2022 – Open Meeting

A meeting of the Bowie City Ethics Commission was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 via Microsoft Teams. Commission members in attendance were Vince Canales, Alan Kolski, and Daniel Thomas. Also in attendance was Assistant City Manager Daniel Mears, liaison to the Commission and Fred Sussman, Attorney to the Commission. Members Karl Stehmer and Jay Fagan were not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Mr. Canales.

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the November 30, 2021 regular meeting. Mr. Thomas moved approval of the open meeting minutes and Mr. Kolski seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the two submitted Lobbying Activity Reports and the one submitted Lobbyist Registration Form. Mr. Sussman stated there were no issues with the submitted forms except for their not being a live signature on the Anderson form. Mr. Sussman described the different types of signatures used, including block font, script font, wet signature, and electronic signatures. The Commission decided to accept signatures as submitted and desired to discuss communicating acceptable signature types with next year's forms. After discussion on the submitted forms, Mr. Kolski moved approval of the LAR's of Ms. Anderson and Mr. Wright and the LRF of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Sussman provided an overview of the submitted FDS forms for the 2021. Overall, the quality of the submitted forms was very good this year. The form for Ms. Rhone #11 did not reflect the correct position, stating she was on the Ethics Commission, and Mr. Suddeth #21 did not check whether the address was work or home. Mr. Thomas moved approval of the Committee FDS forms #1 through #25 submitted, seconded by Mr. Kolski with staff to follow up on the two to correct the minor items. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Sussman reviewed the staff submitted forms and noted for Ms. Hein #36 the form misidentified her work address as a home address. Otherwise the submitted forms were in good order. Mr. Kolski moved approval of the staff FDS forms #26 through #43 submitted, seconded by Mr. Thomas with staff to follow up on the one to correct the minor item. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Sussman provided an overview of Councilmember FDS. For Mayor Adams #44, on Schedule A1 for Property 1 in Item 8 it does not identify from whom property was acquired. Further in Schedule A1 for Property 3 in the introductory question it incorrectly states "No" to the question whether he owns property. Also, in item 1 the New Orleans property is identified as "home address" and also that Property 1 is identified as "home address". In item 8 it does not identify the names of family members from whom property was inherited and purchased. For

Schedule B in item 2 the address of company is not fully displayed. Mr. Sussman noted and the Commission agreed that Adams form would need to be resubmitted.

Mr. Sussman reviewed Mr. Esteve's form #46 and noted that Schedule B Item 1 was not checked "yes" or "no" regarding interest in business entities. For Ms. Ndebumadu #49, there was no e-mail address listed, in Schedule B Item 2 the addresses of business entities were omitted, and in Schedule G it is checked "No" as to employment with earned income, yet Schedule I says that she works for Amazon (Twitch). On Mr. Woolfley's submitted FDS #50, under Schedule B in Item 2 the attachment does not include required addresses of principal office of business entities. Further in Item 3 the attachment does not describe nature of each business entity. The Commission agreed that these forms also were not acceptable and would need to be resubmitted.

After discussion, Mr. Kolski moved approval of the FDS forms for Boafo #45, Gardner #47, Harrison #48, Gaines #51, and Yancey #52, seconded by Mr. Thomas with staff to follow up on the Gaines to correct not marking a home or work address and not listing the position with the City. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Mears stated that staff would follow up on the FDS that were still outstanding for Michael Byrd and Sonia Huntley.

There being no further business to come before the Commission Mr. Kolski moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. and Mr. Thomas seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Daniel Mears  
Staff Liaison to the Ethics Commission