ETHICS COMMISSION
Special Business Meeting
MINUTES
June 25, 2020

Call to Order:

The June 25, 2020 Special Business Meeting of the Ethics Commission was called to order at 7:14 PM by Marty Zeldis, Chairman.

Present: Marty Zeldis, Betsy Ritter, Laurie Wolfley, Cindy Hersom, Steve Garvin
Technology Presence: Mark Burnham
Excused: Olga Bush

Approval of Minutes:

S. Garvin moved to approve the meeting minutes of the March 11, 2020 Special Meeting. B. Ritter seconded. The minutes as written were accepted unanimously. (6-0)

Old Business:

Item 3a – 3c:

M. Zeldis, Chairman began the discussion with a brief explanation of the reason for this meeting. He explained it was to review the draft copy of the revised Code section 2.50.010 through 2.50.120. He indicated the review would include recognizing and revising grammar changes using the revision prepared by L. Wolfley.

Code review and revision.

Section 2.50.010
Subsection B and C – revise as suggested

Section 2.50.020
Subsection A through C and F through H – revise as suggested
A motion was made to revise subsection B number 5 to read "A nonpecuniary gift, including food or beverage, not to exceed $25.00 in value;" by B. Ritter. Seconded by L. Wolfley. Discussion ensued. Passed with a unanimous decision (6-0).

Section 2.50.030
Subsection A through C – revise as suggested
Subsection E through H – revise as suggested

Section 2.50.040
Subsection A – Question presented to the Commission related to the wording of sentence four with a short discussion. Revise as suggested.
Subsection C – Commission discussion related to the quorum requirement. The original revision reviewed and accepted as written. No new revision.
Subsection D – Discussion presented to the Commission, by question, related to the number of voting members on a final decision of complaint. The reasoning behind the political party affiliation and member standing (regular or alternate) was reviewed. There was concern when a final decision of a complaint violation was to be made with four regular and two alternate members able to vote, how would a decision of the voter be decided. The decision of political affiliation of the alternate chosen to vote will be left as a future decision for the Commission in situ.

Section 2.50.050 – revise as suggested

Section 2.50.060 – no revisions

Section 2.50.070
Subsection A and B – revise as suggested
Motion made to approve the content of the Complaint Form as written and for the form to appear as an appendix to the proposed revised Code by S. Garvin. Seconded by B. Ritter. Unanimous vote (6-0).
Subsection D, F through I – revise as suggested

Section 2.50.080
Subsection B – revise as suggested

Section 2.50.090
Subsection C, E through G – revise as suggested

Section 2.50.100
Subsection A and B – revise as suggested

Section 2.50.110
Subsection A – revise as suggested

Section 2.50.120 – revise as suggested

The layout of the proposed revised Code of Ethics was discussed. The indentation of the entire document will mirror Section 2.50.040.

Chairman Zeldis requested a Roll Call vote be taken for the members in attendance. He stated that final approval would be determined at the next regular meeting in July when all members were asked to be in attendance.

M. Zeldis reviewed the next steps in the process. He volunteered to be a member who would meet with any future committee reviewing the proposed Code. He asked for the other members to give thought to being a representative of the Commission to present along with him.

Roll Call Vote taken for approval of the proposed revised Code presented as of this date.
C. Hersom – approved
S. Garvin – approved
B. Ritter – approved
L. Wolfley – approved
M. Zeldis – approved
M. Burnham - approved

Date for the next Regular Meeting – July 15th at 7:00PM – venue to be determined.

Adjournment:

At 8:34 PM S. Garvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by B. Ritter. Unanimous decision (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Tynan
Recording Secretary