

ETHICS COMMISSION
Special Business Meeting
MINUTES
February 12, 2020

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Call to Order:

The February 12, 2020 Special Business Meeting of the Ethics Commission was called to order at 6:05 PM by Marty Zeldis, Chairman.

Present: Mark Burnham, Marty Zeldis, Olga Bush, Laurie Wolfley, Steve Garvin

Excused: Betsy Ritter,

Absent: Cindy Hersom

Approval of Minutes:

L. Wolfley moved to approve the meeting minutes of the February 5, 2020 Special Meeting. O. Bush seconded. The minutes as written were accepted.

Old Business:

Item 3b:

1. M. Zeldis, Chairman started the discussion related to the newly designed form for complaint. The layout of the form was discussed – changes are to be made to sections 1-3. The commission decided to remove the words “under oath” in the signature section. The final decision as to how the form will read will be deferred until Attorney Avena reviews the language.

The form will be placed at the end of the Code as an appendix and will be referenced in subsection A of 2.50.070. A discussion ensued on whether the form usage should be mandatory or elective. Chairman Zeldis will discuss specifics of the form with Dave Campo, Town Clerk, before the next Special Business meeting.

2. Chmn Zeldis led the discussion related to the wording used for the newly formed quorum requirements. The discussion continued with a review of 2.50.040 subsection C and subsection D. M. Burnham read a portion of Roberts Rules to clarify the quorum and voting on business transacted. Further discussion referred to the process of votes in official business capacity. To clarify regular business transactions from complaint violation voting a revision will be made to subsection D.

3. M. Burnham asked to review a portion of 2.50.070 Subsection B. It was suggested that the word “written” be placed before the word “request”. Discussion ensued and the Commission decided that Subsection A established the requirement for a written request.

4. 2.50.070 Subsection A will have semi colons replaced with commas in items of a list 1-6.

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Item 3a:

The Commission members continued the meeting with revising section 2.50.070.

1. Sub Section D – revise as suggested.
2. Sub Section E – revise as suggested.

Date for the next Special Business meeting – February 26, 2020 at 6:00PM.

Adjournment:

At 7:34 PM S. Garvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Burnham, Unanimous decision (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Tynan
Recording Secretary