



**Denver Board of Ethics**

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**DENVER BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2021**

Chair Joseph Michaels called the meeting of the Denver Board of Ethics to order at 9:00 a.m. The Board met virtually through Microsoft TEAMS and conference bridge line. Present were Board members Joseph G. Michaels, Dianne Criswell, Andrew S. Armatas and Jane T. Feldman. Also in attendance were Executive Director Lori Weiser and Senior Assistant City Attorney, Jordan Humphreys.

1. Introductory remarks and review of the Agenda.
2. The Minutes of the Board's February 17, 2021 meeting were moved, seconded, and approved unanimously without amendment.
3. The Board discussed questions that had been posed by City Council Members with respect to the proposed amendments to the Code of Ethics.
4. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to move into executive session to screen cases 20-31, 21-3, and 21-4. This passed unanimously and at 9:45 a.m., the Board went into executive session.
5. At 10:01 a.m., a motion was seconded and unanimously approved to move from executive session back into public session.
6. In case 21-16, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to find that there was no violation of the Denver Code of Ethics, and the complaint was dismissed pursuant to Sections 2-56(a) and (b) of the Code.
7. In case 21-7, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to find that there was no violation of the Denver Code of Ethics, and the complaint was dismissed pursuant to Section.
8. The Chair, Joseph G. Michaels, offered complimentary words for the work done by the Executive Director.
9. The Board discussed the status of the requests to change the Board's office space. Vice-Chair, Dianne Criswell, offered to draft a letter to circulate to the Board members for approval at the April 2021 meeting.

**Executive Director**  
Lori Weiser

**Board Members**  
Joseph G. Michaels – Chair  
Dianne Criswell – Vice Chair  
Andrew S. Armatas  
Sylvia S. Smith  
Jane T. Feldman

10. Vice-Chair, Dianne Criswell, raised the issue of making clear to the public that the Board is an advisory body, and that the Board is the decision-maker, such that public frustration is not directed at the Executive Director, and indicated that it is her hope that a sustainable and professional environment continue to exist.
11. Board member, Jane T. Feldman, suggested that there be an official legal opinion provided for the Board concerning whether Section 2-51, the legislative intent, is an actionable or enforceable Section of the Code of Ethics. The Board agreed that it would be preferable that this professional analysis be provided by an independent legal advisor who had background in legislative matters and ethics.
12. Board member, Jane T. Feldman, indicated her displeasure about the praise being attributed to an employee who is leaving the City and was found to have violated the Denver Code of Ethics.
13. Board member, Jane T. Feldman, announced that she and the Executive Director would be serving on the host committee for the COGEL conference this year.
14. At 10:38 a.m. a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: April 14, 2021.

NOTE: Copies of decisions in the cases mentioned above or any other cases may be obtained by contacting the Board's Executive Director, Lori Weiser—[lori.weiser@denvergov.org](mailto:lori.weiser@denvergov.org).