



Denver Board of Ethics

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**DENVER BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

Chair Joseph Michaels called the meeting of the Denver Board of Ethics to order at 1:01 p.m. The Board met virtually through Microsoft Teams and conference bridge line. Present were Board members Joseph G. Michaels, Dianne Criswell, Sylvia S. Smith, Andrew S. Armatas and Jane T. Feldman. Also in attendance were Jordan Humphreys, Senior Assistant City Attorney, and Executive Director Lori Weiser.

1. Welcome and introductory remarks.
2. The Minutes of the Board's October 14, 2020 meeting were moved, seconded and approved unanimously with an amendment reflecting the absence of Dianne Criswell.
3. In Case 20-29, the Board considered the request for advisory opinion by Adrienne Roman. Following a discussion with Ms. Roman, the Board determined that there would be no violation of Section 2-61 of the Denver Code of Ethics for Ms. Roman to serve as a commissioner with the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority while working as a Compliance Officer for the Small Business Opportunity Office in the Department of Economic Development Opportunity for the City and County of Denver.
4. The Executive Director gave an overview of the Director's Report.
5. In Case 20-30, prior to considering the request for advisory opinion by Denver Planning Board Members, Erin Clark and Angelle Fouter, Board member, Jane T. Feldman, disclosed that she knows the parents of Ms. Clark. Board member, Sylvia S. Smith disclosed that she was familiar with both Ms. Clark and Ms. Fouter through her work with DEDO, and that her father had taken pictures at Ms. Clark's mother's wedding. The Board Chair, Joseph G. Michaels, then acknowledged that Ms. Clark's step-father also works in the Office of the Attorney General. It was determined that there were no relationships that impacted the ability of any of the Board members to be fair and impartial and that recusal was not necessary. The

Executive Director
Lori Weiser

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

Board next discussed the request that Board member Jane T. Feldman not participate because of her prior comments on the East Area Plan. Board member Jane Feldman indicated that she believed she could be fair in considering the case. Ms. Clark and Ms. Foucher stated that they believed that Board member Feldman could be objective and fair and the other Board members agreed. Thereafter, the Board entered into discussion with Ms. Clark and Ms. Foucher and determined that Ms. Clark and Ms. Foucher were not required by Section 2-61 of the Denver Code of Ethics to recuse themselves from hearing testimony, deliberating, and voting on the East Area Plan when it was before the Denver Planning Board on October 7, 2020, due to their employment with the Urban Land Conservancy.

6. The Executive Director, Lori Weiser, reviewed the Executive Director's Report with the Board.
7. Board member, Jane T. Feldman, left the meeting.
8. The Board considered the draft by Vice-Chair, Dianne Criswell, proposing amendments to Sections 2-55 and 2-56 of the Code of Ethics concerning Board initiated investigations.
9. At 2:24 p.m. a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: December 10, 2020

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