DENVER BOARD OF ETHICS
MINUTES
MEETING OF MAY 9, 2022

Chair Joseph G. Michaels called the meeting of the Denver Board of Ethics to order at 9:07 a.m. The Board met in-person, and the public meeting was open to interested parties by joining virtually or by telephone. Present in person were Board members Joseph G. Michaels, Jane T. Feldman, Doris E. Burd, and Rory McLuster. Vice-Chair Dianne Criswell attended the public sessions of the meeting virtually. Also in attendance were Jordan Humphreys, Senior Assistant City Attorney, and Executive Director Lori Weiser.

1. Welcome, introductory remarks, and review of the Agenda.
2. The Draft Minutes of the Board’s April 6, 2022 meeting were moved, seconded, and approved unanimously, by a vote of 5-0.
3. The Board welcomed Andy Szekeres from the Office of the Clerk and Recorder. Mr. Szekeres updated the Board with respect to the timing of the launch of the MapLight System. The Lobbying Portal will go launch first, possibly early June of 2022. There will be one more disclosure period in the old system. All the data from the disclosures will be transferred into the new system. The expectation is that the system will go live in September of 2022.
4. At 9:14 a.m., a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to go into executive session for the purpose of screening cases numbered 22-24, 22-26, 22-27, and 22-28, pursuant to Denver Open Meetings Law, D.R.M.C. 2-34(c), and the Code of Ethics Section 2-54(a) and (d) and Article IV. Vice Chair Dianne Criswell did not join in executive session as she could not physically be present.
5. At 9:26 a.m., a motion was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0 to return to the public session.
6. Prior to discussing case 22-25, the Executive Director disclosed that she has known Jude’ Liguori for over twenty years and from her prior assignment as a City Attorney in the Child Protection and Youth Services Unit, and that she knew Technician Tyrone Campbell through ethics education. Ms. Weiser stated that she did not believe that this influenced her reporting, and that in reporting to the Board, no recommendation was made. Next, Legal Counsel Jordan Humphreys disclosed that he also knows Ms. Liguori from his work representing the Denver Department of...
Human Services. He indicated that he did not believe this would have any impact on his representation of the Board should legal questions arise. Finally, Board Member Rory McLuster also disclosed that she is familiar with Ms. Liguori through their work together, but that she doesn’t believe that this would have any impact on her participation in deliberating and voting in the case. Thereafter, the Board welcomed Technician Tyrone Campbell, Equity and Diversity Officer with the Denver Police Department, and Jude’ Liguori, the Deputy Executive Director over the Family Assistance Divisions for the Denver Department of Human Services. Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to issue a waiver finding that it would be in the best interests of the city for Technician Campbell to be able to provide training to the Denver Department of Human Services employees in his private capacity.

7. In case number 22-24, it was moved, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0 to dismiss the complaint pursuant to Section 2-56(6)(a) and (b), for lack of jurisdiction and because the alleged conduct, if true, would not violate the Code of Ethics.

8. In case number 22-26, it was moved, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0 to dismiss the complaint pursuant to Section 2-56(6)(a) and (b), for lack of jurisdiction and because the alleged conduct, if true, would not violate the Code of Ethics.

9. In case number 22-27, it was moved, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0 to dismiss the complaint pursuant to Section 2-56(6)(a) and (b), for lack of jurisdiction and because the alleged conduct, if true, would not violate the Code of Ethics. It was noted that no officer, official or employee was named in the complaint.

10. In case number 22-28, it was moved, seconded, and approved by a vote of 4-0 to not accept the anonymous complaint for lack of jurisdiction and pursuant to Section 2-56(6)(a) and (b), for lack of jurisdiction and because the alleged conduct, if true, would not violate the Code of Ethics.

11. The Board of Ethics, when receiving legal advice during executive session, initiated a question that was tabled until public session surrounding the filing of complaints with the Board of Ethics and with the Office of Human Resources. The Board of Ethics determined that there was a need for further discussion about potential joint processes by a work group.

12. The Board requested that the Executive Director work to amend the online complaint form to require that the complainant specify the name of a city officer, official, or employee.

13. Chair Joseph G. Michaels asked the Board members to send any comments about the circulated draft of proposed ethics code amendments to the executive director.

14. At 10:53 a.m., it was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.
NOTE: Copies of the written 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.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: June 1, 2022