

The Board of Ethics of the City of Mount Vernon

Minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. at a room at City Hall, and the following five members were in attendance in person: Curtis Brewington, Chair; Ed Byrnes, Secretary; John McGlynn, Vice-Chair; Leslie Alpert and Blair Hoplight. Member Khendra David was not present for the meeting.

The following persons were also physically present at the meeting: City Clerk Tanesia Walters; Corporation Counsel Brian Johnson.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed minutes for 3/16/23. Approved 5-0.

Leslie Alpert, a newly appointed Board member was welcomed to her first Board meeting by the other members.

A discussion took place concerning the scheduling of future meetings. The only agreement that was achieved by all members was to schedule a meeting for Tuesday, April 18, but that was subject to having a room available at City Hall, and Ms. Walters stated that she would let the Board know as soon as she could determine if a room would be available.

John asked Ms. Walters when a copy of the recording of the John Mancini ethics workshop, which took place on February 24, would be made available to the Board. Ms. Walters stated that she would look into this matter and try to get this request satisfied.

A motion was made to go into a confidential session

Since it was known that there were a few confidential matters that had to be discussed by the Board, a motion was made and seconded that the Board should go into a confidential session. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous that the Board would immediately go into such a confidential session. The Zoom recording stopped while the Board was in the confidential session. The five Board members then went to another room where only the Board members were present.

Confidential session

All confidential matters have been redacted in order to allow this version of the minutes to be available to the public.

The Board decided to end the confidential session, so the Board members returned to the room where the meeting had started, and Ms. Walters was present at that location. A motion was made and seconded that the Board go out of the confidential session and return to a public session. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-0.

Public session resumes

All members present at the meeting agreed to end the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Prepared by Ed Byrnes, Secretary