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MEETING AGENDA
June 17, 2024 6:30 PM**



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AGENDA ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024 6:30 PM

- I. Call to Order**
 - 1. Roll Call
 - 2. Approve Agenda
- II. Old Business**
 - 3. Approve May 8th, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- III. New Business**
 - 4. Issue Response to Complaint 02072024-01
 - 5. Issue Response to Complaint 03152024-01
 - 6. Issue Response to Complaint 03152024-02
- IV. Adjourn**



ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MAY 8, 2024 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Alicia Barney-Duck – Present	Calandra Dallas – Absent
Angela Jenkins - Present	Karen Charmaine - Present
Deron Johnson - Absent	

The meeting was called to order by Chair Barney-Duck at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call by Chair Barney-Duck. Members present: Barney-Duck, Charmaine, and Jenkins. Members absent: Dallas and Johnson.

Motion to amend and approve the Agenda Public Comments to allow Ms. Connie Snow and Councilman Elton Alexander three minutes each to issue comments (not a Public Hearing) was made by Committee Member Jenkins; seconded by Committee Member Charmaine. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Old Business

1. Approval of the April 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Committee Member Jenkins; seconded by Committee Member Charmaine. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

2. Appointment of Committee Secretary

Appointment of Committee Secretary – Motion to nominate Karen Charmaine to serve as Committee Secretary was made by Chair Barney-Duck; seconded by Committee Member Jenkins. Committee Member

Charmaine declined to accept the nomination. Chair Barney-Duck motioned to Table the nomination; seconded by Committee Member Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Public Comments

Ms. Connie Snow noted Mayor Ford was not in attendance, noting one of the complaints was against him; and inquired about the timeline of the Ethics Committee to review and hold a hearing for the complaints; and referred to Councilman Alexander's racist comments that have been made online.

Councilman Alexander thanked the Committee for their due diligence; referenced the City Charter and prior Ethics Complaints where the investigation concluded that free speech was protected; and referenced the recent Supreme Court ruling regarding elected officials and social media comments; and stated he uses his personal Facebook and Nextdoor pages to combat online attacks and assaults.

3. Closed Session - § 50-14-3

Motion to convene the Closed Session under Code § 50-14-3 for discussion of the following complaints made by Chair Barney-Duck; seconded by Committee Member Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 at 6:26 p.m.

- Ethics Complaint 02072024-01 Filed by Connie Snow against Councilman Elton Alexander.
- Ethics Complaint 03152024-01 Filed by Connie Snow against Councilman Elton Alexander.
- Ethics Complaint 03152024-02 Filed by Connie Snow against Mayor Anthony S. Ford.

Motion to adjourn the closed Session and reconvene the meeting was made by Committee Member Jenkins at 7:35 p.m.; seconded by Committee Member Charmaine. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Motion to reconvene the meeting and to sign a Closed Session Affidavit was made by Committee Member Charmaine; seconded by Committee Member Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Chair Barney-Duck made the following statements:

Regarding Ethics Complaint 02072024-01 Filed by Connie Snow against Councilman Elton Alexander filed on February 2, 2024, the Committee will provide a written response to the Stockbridge Mayor & City Council.

Regarding Ethics Complaint 03152024-01 Filed by Connie Snow against Councilman Elton Alexander filed on March 15 2024, the Committee will provide a written response to the Stockbridge Mayor & City Council.

Regarding Ethics Complaint 03152024-02 Filed by Connie Snow against Mayor Anthony S. Ford filed on March 15, 2024, the Committee will provide a written response to the Stockbridge Mayor & City Council.

Motion to approve the statements made by Chair Barney-Duck with a written response to be submitted to the Mayor & City Council was made by Committee Member Jenkins; seconded by Committee Member Charmaine. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Chair Barney-Duck thanked everyone for their attendance, noted the complaints have been reviewed individually and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Committee Member Jenkins at 7:43 p.m.; seconded by Committee Member Charmaine. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk in the absence of the appointment of a Committee Secretary.