

City of Langley, Washington

Ethics Training and Advisory Board

Chairman
Bob Frause

Members
Monica Guzman
Fred Herzon
Bob French
Lily Fox

Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 23, 2017
City Hall
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

1. 5:00pm: Meeting was called to order.
Members present: Frause, Herzon, Guzman, French, Fox

2. 5:01: COI statement read by Chairman Frause.

3. 5:03: Minutes of October 2, 2017 meeting approved.

4. 5:03: Public Comment Period started
Ed Anderson expresses interest in attendance but no formal comment is made.

Ed Anderson was asked by Bob French if he knew anything about cases being heard to which he responded “no, I just heard that there would be a large number and that intrigue me greatly.”

5. 5:05: Herzon moves to amend agenda to allow for executive session since all advisory requests all should be treated as dealing with a sensitive issue. Board votes unanimously to change agenda.

6. 5:06: Chairman Frause introduces five advisory requests and lists them by case number. No discussion regarding the contents of the advisories.

Case#0062017 (filed by Mayor Callison regarding Conflict of Interest)

Case#0072017 (filed by Mayor Callison regarding Conflict of Interest)

Case#0082017 (filed by Mayor Callison regarding Illegal Public Meeting)

Case#0092017 (filed by Councilmember Burt Beusch regarding Confidentiality)

Case#0102017 (filed by Rene Neff regarding Conflict of Interest)

7. 5:16: Chairman Frause asks Ms. Guzman to recuse herself from executive session because one of the advisories concerned her as an Ethics Board Member.

8. 5:17: Chairman Frause indicated that the executive session would most likely terminate at around 6:00 pm and that attendee Mr. Anderson and Ms. Guzman were excused but advised to return around that time.
9. 5:18: The board adjourns to executive session.
10. 6:04 Executive session concluded. Ms. Guzman and attendee Mr. Anderson were asked to return to the meeting.
11. 6:10: Vote to move forward on Case#0062017
Motion to proceed by Herzon. Seconded by French. Motion passed.
12. 6:13: Vote to move forward on Case#0072017
Motion to proceed by Frause. Seconded by French. Motion passed.
13. 6:14: Vote not to move forward on Case#0082017
Since this was determined to be a matter for legal consideration, the Ethics Board declined to proceed with the request until the possible legal misconduct issues are resolved. Motion to remand Frause. Seconded by French. Motion passed.
14. 6:15: Vote to move forward on Case#0092017
Motion to proceed by Herzon, Seconded by French. Motion passed.
15. 6:15: Vote to move forward on Case#0102017
Motion to proceed by French, Seconded by Herzon.
16. 6:18: Guzman was asked to recuse herself from all further participation in Ethic Committee matters, due to allegations against her and until further notice.
17. 6:20: No new business or old business to discuss.
18. 6:15: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lily Fox