

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
City of Bastrop Board of Ethics**

Monday, April 11, 2022

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City of Bastrop Board of Ethics met in a Special Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 1:12 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop Texas. Commissioners present: Chairman Judge Duggan, Wuthipong Tantaksinanukij, and Bob Long. City Staff present: Ross Fischer, Attorney and Ann Franklin, City Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

At 1:12 p.m. Commissioner Duggan called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2021.
This item was withdrawn from the agenda.
- 3A. Consideration and discussion of complaint filed by Mayor Connie Schroeder on March 25, 2022, determination as to whether the complaint shall be deemed actionable or baseless, and related procedural issues.
Judge Duggan confirmed status on the panel in order to satisfy the ordinance's definition of "panel". The Code definition of panel requires at least an attorney or retired judge. As Chair, Judge Duggan assigned himself to the panel. The Chair excused Barbara Caldwell from the panel. The panel consists of Judge Chris Duggan, Pastor Bob Long, and Corporal Wuthipong Tantaksinanukij.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Ethics met at 1:16 p.m. in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, et seq, to discuss the following:

- 4A. Board of Ethics shall convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code:
- Section 551.071, to seek the advice of legal counsel and for preliminary assessment regarding the formal ethics complaint received on March 25, 2022.
 - Section 551.074(a)(2), to consider a complaint or charge against a public officer (City Council Member Place 4) received on March 25, 2022.
5. **TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MATTERS POSTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Duggan recessed the Executive Session at 1:55 p.m.

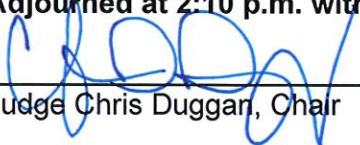
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3A. Consideration and discussion of complaint filed by Mayor Connie Schroeder on March 25, 2022, determination as to whether the complaint shall be deemed actionable or baseless, and related procedural issues.


A motion was made by Bob Long, seconded by Wuthipong Tantaksinanukij, the motion was as follows. Regarding prohibition on representing others, the panel deemed the complaint ACTIONABLE because facts alleged, if taken as true, indicate a violation of 1.15.009(d)(1) to wit: while a city official, the accused represented others before the city, including the Historic Landmark Commission and City staff. The motion passed on a 2-0-1 vote. Chair Duggan abstained.

A motion was made by Wuthipong Tantaksinanukij, seconded by Bob Long, the motion was as follows. Regarding improper influence, the panel deemed the complaint ACTIONABLE because facts alleged, if taken as true, indicate a violation of 1.15.009(e)(1) to wit: while a city official, accused attempted to secure a benefit for his private client in the form of a deviation from city protocols. The motion passed on a 2-0-1 vote. Chair Duggan abstained.

Adjourned at 2:10 p.m. without objection.



Judge Chris Duggan, Chair



Ann Franklin, City Secretary