

MINUTES OF THE MURRAY CITY
ETHICS COMMISSION TRAINING MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2022

The Murray City Ethics Commission met on Monday, January 10, 2022 beginning at 3:30 P.M. for a meeting held in accordance with Utah Code section 52-4-207(4) which allows for electronic meetings to be held without an anchor location so long as the public has an opportunity to view the meeting and proper notice has been provided.

Present:

Dustin Matsumori, Vice Chair

Todd Allen

Susan Gregory

Duane Jess

Dan Fazzini, Acting Chair (not present)

Briant J. Farnsworth II, Deputy City Attorney

Mark Richardson, Senior City Attorney

The meeting was opened at 3:30 by Duane Jess reciting Utah Code section 52-4-207(4).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dustin Matsumori, Vice Chair asked if there were any comments on the minutes from January 13, 2021 Ethics Commission meeting. Susan Gregory made a motion to have the minutes approved from the meeting; seconded by Duane Jess. A voice vote was held; motion passed 4-0.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2022

Mr. Farnsworth went over election ordinance briefly. Since voting a new Acting Chair and Vice Chair is not necessary, the current chairs are maintained. Ms. Gregory made a motion to retain Mr. Fazzini as Acting Chair. Mr. Allen seconded that motion. A voice vote was held; motion passed 4-0. Ms. Gregory made a motion to retain Mr. Matsumori as Vice Chair. Mr. Allen seconded that motion. A voice vote was held; motion passed 4-0.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Farnsworth discussed the annual report that is required by section 2.47.260 of the City Code to be given by the Ethics Commission to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Farnsworth reviewed the draft report the Attorney's Office had prepared for the Commission's review and adoption. Mr. Matsumori asked if there were any questions or comments on the annual report. There were none. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the report. Ms. Gregory seconded the motion. A voice vote was held; motion passed 4-0.

TRAINING ON RULES OF ETHICS

Mr. Richardson went over rules of evidence, focusing primarily on relevancy, privileges, witnesses, and hearsay in a complaint. Mr. Richardson answered a brief question concerning timing on addressing complaints. Mr. Farnsworth let the committee know that if at any point they had questions concerning rules of evidence they have access to counsel with the attorney's office.

Mr. Farnsworth went over the Open and Public Meeting Act (OPMA). The Chair to any board is responsible to make sure there is an annual training of OPMA. He clarified the difference between a hearing and a meeting; notice requirements, including time, date, and place, and the agenda that is being addressed. Mr. Farnsworth also addressed what to do if a new topic is addressed that is not on the agenda. Penalties for violating the act is a misdemeanor.

There was a discussion regarding future trainings that will be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

/s/ Carisa Gale

Carisa Gale, City Attorney's Office