



City of Franklin

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Meeting Minutes

Ethics Committee

Thursday, July 27, 2023

12:00 PM

Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM

Board Members Present: Jim Martin, Jerry Sharber, Vona Wilson, Machel Thompson

Board Members Absent: Juanita Patton (recused)

Staff Present: Shauna Billingsley, Tabitha Langley, Angie Johnson

NEW BUSINESS

2. **PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration Of Ethics Complaint Against Alderman Gabrielle Hanson Relative To Correspondence To Douglas E. Kreulen, President And CEO Of The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, And The BNA Board Of Commissioners Regarding Their Support And/Or Funding Of The Franklin Justice And Equity Coalition.**

1. Complaint Filed By Emily Jenkins
2. Complaint Filed By Peggy Kingsbury
3. Complaint Filed By Kate Osher
4. Complaint Filed By Damon Rogers
5. Complaint Filed By Janet Shouse
6. Complaint Filed By Rod Berger
7. Complaint Filed By Joseph Jenson

Sponsors:

The Commissioners discussed the item. This discussion and testimonies can be referenced in full in the attached Court Reporter's transcript.

Public Comment:

Bryant Herbert, 1336 Coleman Road, Franklin, TN, believes Alderman Gabrielle Hanson is in violation of the Franklin Municipal Code.

Ashley Webster, 2248 Winder Circle, Franklin, TN, believes Alderman Gabrielle Hanson is in violation of the Franklin Municipal Code.

Tara Blue, 3185 Appian Way, Spring Hill, TN, believes Alderman Gabrielle Hanson is in violation of the Franklin Municipal Code.

Rev. Dr. Chris Williamson, 120 Tyne Drive, Franklin, TN, believes Alderman Gabrielle Hanson is in violation of the Franklin Municipal Code.

Jeff Stewart, 117 Halswelle Drive, Franklin, TN, believes Alderman Gabrielle Hanson is in violation of the Franklin Municipal Code.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sharber, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to conclude that Alderman Gabrielle Hanson violated Section 1-805(1) of the Franklin Municipal Code. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sharber, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to conclude that Alderman Gabrielle Hanson violated Section 1-808(2) of the Franklin Municipal Code. The motion passed unanimously.

Then, a motion was made by Commissioner Sharber to issue a written decision of violation of Section 1-805(1) and Section 1-808(2) in accordance with Sections 1-813(1) and 2-310(7) of the Franklin Municipal Code. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Chairman Martin to issue a written decision of violation of Section 1-805(1) and Section 1-808(2) of the Franklin Municipal Code and to recommend that Alderman Gabrielle Hanson be censured by the Board of Mayor and Alderman. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Consideration Of Approval Of Minutes**
June 27, 2023 Ethics Commission Meeting
July 6, 2023 Ethics Commission Meeting
Sponsors:

A motion was made by Commissioner Sharber, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the June 27, 2023 and July 6, 2023 Ethics Commission Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Martin Adjourned the Meeting.

Chairman Martin reopened the Meeting to discuss the post-hearing provisions in the Amended Ethics Commission Bylaws and Procedures. The full discussion can be referenced in the attached Court Reporter's transcript.

ADJOURN

Again, Chairman Martin Adjourned the Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:28 PM



Jim Martin, Chair

Minutes Prepared by Sarah Schilling, Assistant Deputy City Recorder, City Administrator's Office - 8/7/2023, 3:37 PM