

## City of Rochester Board of Ethics – March 12, 2024

### MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Acting Board Chair Mia Cannon.

#### **Members present:**

Mia Cannon  
Kevin Graham  
Timothy Weir  
Doug Escher

#### **Members Not Present:**

James Patterson  
Councilmember LaShay Harris

#### **Non-Members Present:**

Stephanie Prince, Deputy Corporation Counsel

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes for the January 16, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved by the board members present at the meeting.

#### **Nomination of Board Chair**

- Board member Doug Escher was nominated to serve as the board chairperson and his nomination was unanimously approved by the board members present at the meeting.

Subsequent to the vote, Chair Escher presided over the remaining portion of the meeting.

#### **Pending Business:**

- The board resumed discussion of C23-1a which alleges a conflict of interest by a Zoning Board of Appeals member. Deputy Corporation Counsel (DCC) Prince advised the draft advisory opinion, which will provide general guidance to City board members, is forthcoming.

The board resumed a review and discussion of C24-1, a complaint concerning alleged ethics violations by a Councilmember and the PAB Chairperson. Upon further deliberation, the board members present unanimously agreed to decline acceptance of the

complaint for further review. It was also noted by the board, the complainant was not present at the meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

- Chair Escher adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** April 16, 2024; 6:30 pm  
Council Chambers

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