

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

Monday, March 25, 2024

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, the City of Bastrop Board of Ethics met in a Special Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop Texas. Commissioners present: Chairman Judge Duggan, and Commissioners Jackson, Caldwell, Lokumbe, and Long. City Staff present: Ross Fischer, Attorney; Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney; and Sylvia Carrillo-Trevino, City Manager; and Ann Franklin, City Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

At 1:32 p.m. Chair Duggan called the meeting to order with, a quorum present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

SPEAKER

**Christine Long
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MINUTE APPROVAL

- 3A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2024.
This item was tabled to be taken up later in the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Ethics met at 1:38 a.m. in a closed/executive session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, et seq, to discuss the following:

A motion was made by Commissioner Duggan to go into Executive Session to seek legal counsel regarding the motion by James Ringel of Ringel & Brymer, PLLC on behalf of Lyle Nelson to have a closed hearing and the procedure with regard to submitting sworn statements, documentary evidence, and identities of the witnesses, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

- 6A. Ethics Commission may convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code:

Section 551.071, to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding the formal ethics complaint received on January 18, 2024.

Section 551.074(a)(2), to consider a complaint or charge against a public officer (Lyle Nelson, Mayor) received on January 18, 2024.

Commissioner Duggan recessed the Executive Session at 2:18 a.m.

TAKE ANY NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE ACTION ON MATTERS POSTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

MINUTE APPROVAL

- 3A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2024.
Motion was made by Chair Duggan to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2024, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lokumbe, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

4. CONSIDER PROCEDURAL ISSUES

- 4A. Consider procedural motions, evidentiary objections, or issues related to complaint against Lyle Nelson.
Motion was made by Chair Duggan to deny the motion to have any type of evidentiary hearing to be a closed meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lokumbe, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

5. EVIDENTIARY HEARING

- 5A. The Board of Ethics will conduct an Evidentiary Hearing with regard to the complaint filed by Mayor Pro Tem John Kirkland against Mayor Lyle Nelson to determine whether Lyle Nelson violated Section 1.15.009(h)(2) of the City of Bastrop Code of Ethics (Article 1.15 of the Code of Ordinances). Depending on the outcome of the Evidentiary Hearing, the Board of Ethics may deliberate and take action on the assessment of the appropriate sanction.
Motion was made by Chair Duggan to postpone the hearing to receive witness list, summary of what is to be testified to and any documentary evidence including sworn statements which must be submitted within 7 days of today and copy sent to all parties involved, seconded by Commissioner Caldwell, motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Adjourned at 2:32 p.m. without objection.

Judge Chris Duggan, Chair

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MARCH 25, 2024 MEETINGS BUT WERE NEVER SIGNED