

ETHICS BOARD

Monday October 21, 2019

MINUTES

1. Call to order. Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm. Present were Maradel Gale, Suzanne Keel-Eckmann, Jennifer Hodges, Brian Strully, Deputy City Attorney Robbie Sepler, Council Liaison Joe Deets, and member of the public Dave Henry.

2. Changes or Additions to Agenda. None.

3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest. None.

4. Acceptance of meeting notes – September 16, 2019. Robbie Sepler requested that Item 4 of the meeting minutes would be more accurately stated as follows:

“4. Acceptance of meeting notes –Robbie Sepler suggested the minutes specify the Executive Session on August 19th was held pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Board put that up to a vote, 2 aye, 2 nay. With the vote being a tie, minutes from the August meeting were accepted as written.”

The Board accepted the September 16, 2019 meeting notes as amended.

5. Communications –Suzanne had communications with Maradel Gale and Robbie Sepler.

6. Public Comment. Dave Henry asked why, when an executive session is invoked, the subject matter of the executive session is not disclosed, even in a general way, instead of citing the Code section under which the Executive Session was held.

7. City Council/Ethics Board Program Discussion - Jennifer Hodges volunteered to attend the City Council meeting on October 22 and to represent the Ethics Board in the event Ethics Board input would be helpful to the City Council discussion and potential vote regarding changes to the Ethics Program on the agenda for that meeting. The Board discussed the latest revisions to Code sections related the Ethics Program. The Ethics Board Work Plan was very generally discussed in light of the fact that revisions to the Ethics Program are still underway. The Board unanimously voted to table the development of a Work Plan until revisions to the Ethics Program are complete.

8. Items for next meeting Agenda. None proposed.

9. Next Meeting Date. November 18, 2019 at 6:30pm.

10. Adjournment. 7:30 pm.



Suzanne Keel-Eckmann, Chair

