

MINUTES OF THE ETHICS HEARING BOARD

City of Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board (“Board”)
Video Meeting via Zoom and Livestreamed on City Channel Pittsburgh’s YouTube
June 22, 2021

Board Members Present:

Pat Bigley
Maryann Herman
Alex Matthews
Rhoda Neft
Orlando Portela-Valentín

Board Members Absent:

Samantha Bushman
Lynn Davenport
Brazitte Poole
Jennifer Richnafsky

Staff, Advisors and Others Present:

none

- Call to Order
 - This meeting was called to order at 4:25 p.m. by Board Chair, Alex Matthews
- Public Comment:
 - There was none.
- Minutes:
 - After a review of the June 1, 2022 meeting minutes, prepared by the outside counsel who conducted the meeting, there was one correction as to the noted attendance.
 - With the noted attendance corrected, Pat Bigley moved to accept the minutes as amended. Orlando Portela-Valentín seconded the motion, whereupon the Board voted unanimously to approve, with no opposition or abstentions.
- Legislative Updates:
 - The Board considered proposed revisions to select definitional sections of Chapter 197 of the Code:
 - After a fruitful discussion primarily concerning “half” and “step” relations, Maryann Herman moved to recommend: corrections to typographical errors in the definition for “public employee;” removal of

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gendered pronouns and consistent references to siblings, spouses, and children in “direct family” and “immediate family” definitions.

- Rhoda Neft and Orlando Portela-Valentín simultaneously seconded the motion.
 - Alex Matthews called for a vote. The matter was passed unanimously, with no abstentions or opposition.
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- New Business:
 - There was none.

 - Adjournment: After approximately thirty minutes, Pat Bigley made a motion to conclude the meeting, cordially seconded by Orlando Portela-Valentín. All were in favor, none abstained, none opposed. The Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Leanne Davis