

## Minutes

## Town of Easton Board of Ethics Special Meeting - Via Zoom

July 17, 2023, 6:00pm

Members in attendance were: Vivian Hardison, Ben Lehberger, Mark Peyser, and Craig Sternberg

Pursuant to the Agenda, the following items were taken up:

1. The Board of Ethics meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by co-chair Vivian Hardison.
2. Minutes of June 13, 2023 were reviewed. No amendments were made. Vivian Hardison called for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Mark Peyser to approve the minutes and second by Craig Sternberg. Vote was unanimous. Minutes of June 13, 2023 were approved.
3. Old Business: Board members agreed to table revisions of existing ethics ordinance at this time. The matter will be addressed at a future meeting of the board of ethics pending collaboration and/or advice with an ethics expert.
4. New Business - A potential new committee member is scheduled to be evaluated at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on Thursday July 20, 2023. This addition will replace Emma Montoya who recently resigned from the Board of Ethics.
5. With no other business to address, at 6:10pm, co-chair Vivian Hardison requested a motion to move into executive session to discuss complaint #0405112023 and #0505112023. Co-chair Ben Lehberger made a motion to move into Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Mark Peyser. Vote was unanimous.
6. Having completed discussions for the executive session, Mark Peyser made a motion to close the executive session and it was seconded by Craig Sternberg. Vote was unanimous. Executive session ended at 6:53pm.
7. Action taken: Investigation will continue for complaint #0405112023 and #0505112023. The Board of Ethics will request an extension from the Board of Selectmen to continue its evaluation of the above referenced complaints and one additional complaint that was not included in the executive session. Co-chair Ben Lehberger will follow up on this request for an extension.
8. Next meetings of the Board of Ethics are scheduled for Thursday July 27, 2023, at 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm and Thursday August 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm to accommodate attendees for interviews.
9. Motion was requested by co-chair Vivian Hardison to adjourn the meeting. Mark Peyser made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by co-chair Craig Sternberg. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

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