

**CITY OF SPOKANE ETHICS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – December 16, 2020, 4:00 pm**

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

This meeting was held virtually through Webex. Roll is taken. Present are Commission Members: Dennis Cronin, Chair, Merle Iverson, Clayton McFarland, Sarah O'Hare, Kenny Hall and Gail Heck-Sweeney.

Commissioner Michelle Bleek was absent.

Also present were Salvatore J. Faggiano, Assistant City Attorney, introduced as the new Staff Director for the Ethics Commission; and Michael J. Piccolo, Sr. Assistant City Attorney, former Staff Director for the Ethics Commission.

The Agenda for this meeting is approved unanimously, with Commissioner Bleek absent.

II.a. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of April 29, 2020

The Minutes from the meeting on April 29, 2020 have been reviewed. Sarah O'Hare and Gail Heck-Sweeney both had their names spelled incorrectly in the minutes. Upon correction of the two spellings, the minutes were approved unanimously, with Commissioner Bleek absent.

II.b. Appointment of 2021 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Dennis Cronin noted under the procedure manual, under section 3.2, the commission is to elect a chair to serve for a year. Dennis Cronin has been the chair for several years. Dennis Cronin recommends and asks Sarah O'Hare to be chair, and to bring equity to the Commission, to have Clayton McFarland as co-chair. Sarah O'Hare agrees that having a formal change of structure might be helpful to have a co-chair setup instead of a chair and vice chair, particularly since we have not been utilizing the seat of the vice-chair. Sarah O'Hare also noted if we do have co-chairs, if one chair is absent or unable to participate for some reason, then with the new setup, someone would be automatically be ready to take on the responsibilities. Sarah O'Hare is in support of restructuring. Sarah O'Hare would not be opposed to joining as a co-chair. Clayton McFarland was asked, and agreed to, serve as co-chair.

Gail Heck-Sweeney moved for the Co-chair process and structure for the Ethics Commission, moving away from the Vice Chair position. Merle Iverson seconded the motion. There being no opposition; the motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Bleek absent.

Merle Iverson moved and Kenny Hall seconded, for Sarah O'Hare and Clayton McFarland to co-chair the Ethics Commission. There being no opposition, the motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Bleek absent.

III. Calendar

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2021 at 4:00 pm.

IV. Other Business

Sarah O'Hare congratulated Michael J. Piccolo in his change in appointments and thanked him for his time with the Ethics Commission.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 pm.

Approved on February 17, 2021:



Sarah O'Hare, Co-Chair



Clayton McFarland, Co-Chair