

City of Lyndon Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2025

- Attendees; Mayor Brent Hagan , City Attorney John Singler Committee Appointees: Mera Corlett, Malik Diallo, Calvin Shaak

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Mayor Brent Hagan.

Distribution of City Ethics Ordinance

- City Attorney John Singler distributed copies of Chapter 38 of the City Ethics Ordinance, enacted in 1994.
- Attorney Singler reviewed the ordinance's broad language and limiting definitions, noting the need for updates.
- He outlined the committee's primary duty: revise and modernize Chapter 38 to align with current standards and needs.
- Singler provided a historical overview of the ordinance, explaining the shift from a single ethics officer to a committee structure and the changes Chapter 38 has undergone.

Review of Complaint Form

- Attorney Singler distributed a sample complaint form from Louisville Metro as a potential template, suggesting minor modifications (e.g., updating the logo to Lyndon's).
- The committee discussed revising the complaint form to ensure accessibility and clarity.
- Motion: Mera Corlett moved to adopt the discussed changes to the complaint form. Calvin Shaak seconded, and Malik Diallo agreed. Motion carried.

Ethics Training Discussion

- Attorney Singler discussed ethics training availability through the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) and associated costs to the city.
- He referenced the City of Hurstbourne, a neighboring client, which is undergoing a similar process utilizing KLC's resources, noting its relevance to Lyndon's goals.

Additional Topics

- Social Media Policies:** Mera Corlett raised the need to incorporate social media policies, referencing language used by Louisville Metro Government.
- Financial Disclosure Forms:** Mayor Hagan noted that the existing process for financial disclosure forms for city employees is outdated and requires updates.
- Online Reporting and Accessibility:** Calvin Shaak proposed adding online reporting capabilities and improving complaint form accessibility via the city website. Shaak

mentioned prior communication with KLC's Chris Johnson regarding ethics committee duties.

- Legal Counsel for Complaints: Attorney Singler explained the process for handling ethics complaints brought before the committee, including the need for neutral legal representation. He suggested a local attorney to represent the committee, while he would likely represent city officials to maintain impartiality.

Committee Leadership

- Mera Corlett expressed interest in serving as committee chairperson.
- After a brief discussion, the committee unanimously agreed to nominate Mera Corlett as chairperson.

Future Meetings

- The committee agreed to hold the next meeting on July 9, 2025, at 10:00 AM, to be posted on the city website.
- Mera Corlett inquired about establishing a standard meeting agenda for future meetings.

Adjournment

- Motion: Calvin Shaak moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Malik Diallo. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.