

City of Lyndon

Ethics Committee Working Group Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Lyndon City Hall

1. Call to Order

Chair Mera Kathryn Corlett called the meeting to order. All committee members were present:

- Mera Kathryn Corlett, Chair
 - Malick Diallo, Secretary
 - Calvin Shaak, Member
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2. Ethics Complaint Hearing

- The committee acknowledged receipt of a formal complaint filed on August 21, 2025.
 - Respondent provided a written response.
 - Hearing tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17, 2025**.
 - Attendance will include the complainant (Sharon Morris), the respondent (Councilwoman Stanley), and the author of referenced correspondence for transparency.
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3. Standards of Conduct Revisions

- Reviewed draft revisions to ethics code.

- Members emphasized starting with **standards of conduct** to establish tone before conflicts of interest.
 - Key elements under discussion:
 - **Trust and fairness** as guiding principles.
 - **Examples** included to make expectations clearer.
 - Advisory opinion process to be highlighted: "When in doubt, seek an advisory opinion."
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4. Conflicts of Interest

- Discussion on employment, nepotism, and business relationships.
 - Committee considered barring city officials/employees from bidding on city contracts; consensus was to reference **KRS 61** and adapt in plain language rather than banning all.
 - Question raised whether to include "incompatible offices" language; Malick favored clarity, Calvin noted redundancy with state law.
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5. Public Perception and Governance Concerns

- Concern raised about a citizen-run Facebook group labeled "City of Lyndon" that may mislead residents.
 - Committee agreed this is **not an ethics issue** but acknowledged possible public safety concerns if misinformation spreads.
 - Police Chief had indicated this was not a priority for enforcement.
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6. Council Professionalism

- Members discussed perception of council infighting and how it affects public trust.
 - Agreed that **training on communication, professionalism, and perception** would benefit council.
 - Suggested contacting Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) for options.
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7. Adjournment

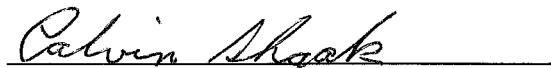
Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am after discussion of revisions and next steps.



Mera Kathryn Corlett



Malick Diallo



Calvin Shaak