

**City of Birmingham
Board of Ethics Minutes
September 26, 2023
151 Martin, Birmingham**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robb called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair James Robb; Board Members Michael Coakley, John Schrot

Absent: None

Staff: City Manager Ecker; City Clerk Bingham, City Attorney Kucharek

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of June 23, 2023

MOTION: Motion by Chair Robb, seconded by Mr. Coakley:
To approve the minutes of June 23, 2023 as submitted.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Chair Robb
Mr. Coakley
Mr. Schrot

Nays, None

The Chair thanked the City Clerk and her Staff for the minutes.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of draft advisory opinion 2023-02 requested by Commissioner Clinton Baller regarding the potential establishment and management of a private, non-profit community foundation in Birmingham

Mr. Schrot introduced and reviewed the draft advisory opinion.

The Board discussed minor updates to the draft opinion. CC Bingham integrated the updates into the draft opinion during the discussion. All updates were added by Board consensus.

Messrs. Coakley and Schrot offered their concurrence with the draft advisory opinion.

Public Comment

Commissioner Baller thanked the Board for the opinion.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Schrot, seconded by Mr. Coakley:
To adopt the opinion as edited.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Chair Robb
 Mr. Schrot
 Mr. Coakley

Nays, None

It was noted by the Chair that Mr. Coakley had no role in the decision of the matter since this was his first meeting with the Board.

B. Orientation of new member

The Board welcomed Mr. Coakley and provided an overview of the Board's operations.

The Board and Staff also briefly discussed future training sessions the Board might offer.

C. Selection of Chair for the Ethics Board

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Coakley, seconded by Mr. Schrot:
To have Mr. Robb continue as Chair of the Board.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, Chair Robb
 Mr. Schrot
 Mr. Coakley

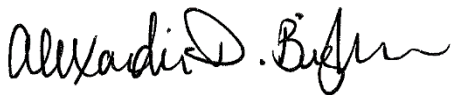
Nays, None

VI. INFORMATION ONLY

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. ADJOURN

No further business being evident, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.



Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist