

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
BOARD OF ETHICS MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015  
151 MARTIN, BIRMINGHAM  
CONFERENCE ROOM 202-203**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Sophie Fierro-Share, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Ms. Fierro-Share  
Mr. Robb  
Mr. Schrot  
Absent: None

Administration: City Attorney Currier, Clerk Pierce

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Motion by Schrot, seconded by Robb:  
To approve the minutes of August 27, 2015 as amended.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 3  
Nays, None  
Absent, None

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REVIEW OF DRAFT OPINION FOR ETHICS COMPLAINTS  
2015-01, 2015-02, 2015-03 & 2015-04**

Carolyn Allen, complainant, questioned the process and stated that if the complaint had no merit, the complainants should have been informed prior to the meeting. Mr. Robb explained that the Board had to review the ordinance at the meeting to determine if it had jurisdiction and whether Ms. Endres was an employee.

Mr. Robb presented the draft opinions for Complaint #2015-01, 2015-02 and 2015-03. He stated that the rationale is set forth in Opinion 2015-01 and applies to 2015-02 and 2015-03.

**MOTION:** Motion by Robb, seconded by Schrot:  
To adopt the opinions for complaints 2015-01, 2015-02 and 2015-03.

**VOTE:** Yeas, 3  
Nays, None  
Absent, None

Mr. Robb presented the draft opinion for Complaint #2015-04. He explained that after discussion it was determined that Ms. Wood had not violated the ordinance and the complainant withdrew her complaint.

**MOTION:** Motion by Schrot, seconded by Fierro-Share:  
To adopt the opinion for complaint 2015-04.

VOTE: Yeas, 3  
Nays, None  
Absent, None

**B. REVIEW OF DRAFT OPINION ADVISORY OPINION REQUEST  
2015-05**

Mr. Robb presented the draft advisory opinion for 2015-05. He noted that the Board found that Mr. Harris's representation of the taxpayer client is a conflict. He noted that Ms. Fierro-Share had recused herself due to the potential conflict of interest.

**MOTION:** Motion by Robb, seconded by Schrot:  
To adopt the advisory opinion for 2015-05.

VOTE: Yeas, 2 (Robb, Schrot)  
Nays, None  
Absent, None  
Abstained, 1 (Fierro-Share)

The board signed the opinions.

**C. DISCUSSION REGARDING A REVIEW OF THE ETHICS ORDINANCE**

Ms. Fierro-Share expressed concern with the use of the word "morality" in Section 2-321 of the ordinance. She suggested reviewing this section of the ordinance. The Board agreed that this should be added to the next agenda.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Laura Pierce  
City Clerk