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DENVER BOARD OF ETHICS MINUTES

MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2011

Chair Leslie M. Lawson called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. Also present were Edgar Neel, Roy Wood and Ann Terry. Lori Mack was excused. Also present were Staff Director Michael Henry, Assistant City Attorney Helen Berkman and Intern Breann Alexander.

1. Deputy Chief of Staff Stephanie O'Malley presented her request for an advisory opinion to the Board and responded to questions. She requested guidance regarding her new position in Mayor Hancock's office and how she could avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest regarding any clients of the consulting firm of her father.
2. Brian Pinkerton discussed his request for an updated advisory opinion about a potential conflict of interest. He serves as the Regional Transportation District/FasTracks liaison for the Public Works Department and his wife is the engineering manager for a consulting company that is preparing an environmental impact statement for one of the pieces of the FasTracks project.
3. Paul Schmieken of the Department of Environmental Health discussed his request for an advisory opinion regarding whether departments may give modest incentives, such as \$25 gift cards, to city employees to encourage good practices.
4. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2011.
5. Breanne Alexander, a summer intern for the Board of Ethics, gave a report on her research about how other ethics jurisdictions deal with anonymous complaints and how many use third-party reporting hot-lines that allow anonymous complaints. Her report will assist the Board in making recommendations to City Council regarding changes to the Code of Ethics.
6. It was moved, seconded and passed to go into executive session to deliberate on pending cases.
7. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Henry, Staff Director

Approved by Board of Ethics: September 22, 2011