

COBI ETHICS BOARD
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
In-person and via Zoom

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL—6:31 PM

Present: Chair Doña Keating, Dep. Chair Rafael Escandon, Karen Anderson, Eve Sherling, Drew Pollom (Counsel), and Peggy Nimb (City Staff).

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

No conflicts of interest disclosed.

Approval of corrected June 11 Agenda:

MOTION: Rafael Escandon **SECOND:** Eve Sherling - Passed Unanimously

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

3.A Instructions for Providing Public Comment (Provided by Chair Doña Keating)

- No Public Comments Received

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

4.A Approval of Minutes

June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

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4.B Update: Outreach Opportunities – Updates (Podcast and recent Farmer’s Market engagement reviewed). EB members requested as the next opportunity to be present at the Bainbridge Farmer’s Market for public engagement. Peggy confirmed September is not available several October dates showing as available, Tentative date of Sat October 4. EB members will confirm availability for 10/4 Farmer’s Market at September 10, 2025 EB meeting.

Ethics Board continued interest in youth engagement/participation on COBI Boards/Committees discussed, awaiting City Council’s decision/action on your engagement and participation.

4.C Review Status of Pending Complaints – Drew Pollom reported that a three-judge panel in the Ninth Circuit ruled in favor of the City of Bainbridge Island. He believed the plaintiff filed a petition to appeal. The next stage would be the full-court panel. Discussion was held regarding redaction rules that didn’t exist at the time of the original complaint filing(s) in 2021 and suggested they

