



City of Bristol
BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT 06010

**ETHICS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES (DRAFT until approved)
WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

By: Chairman Roger Chiasson

Time: 6:02 pm

Place: City Hall
111 North Main Street
Meeting Room 1-2

	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
MEMBERS	Roger Chiasson, Chairman	X	
	Bruce Barton	X	
	Byron Pierce	X	
	Joan Cloutier	X	
	John Bellemare	X	
	Kristen O'Donnell (Via Zoom)	X	
	Eric Carlson		X
STAFF	Maria Theam, Recording Secretary	X	

The following were also in attendance: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Councilman Stephen Seymour, and Eric Madsen.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 5, 2025 Meeting.

BY: Bruce Barton

Seconded: Byron Pierce

For: All in favor
Against: None
Abstained: None

3. Discuss and take any necessary action on request for advisory opinion.

Stephen Seymour appeared, along with Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu and she provided a brief background on the reason why Mr. Seymour is seeking an advisory opinion from the Ethics board as he is a councilman with a local business who is seeking a grant from ECD for a space he rents out for his photography business.

Ethics Board Committee

MOTION: To go into Executive Session at 6:13 pm.

BY: Bruce Barton

Seconded: Byron Pierce

For: All in favor

Against: None

Abstained: None

Roger, Bruce, John, Joan, Kristen and Byron went into executive session. They returned from executive session at 6:17 p.m. and resumed the meeting on the record. Chairman Chiasson stated there is nothing in the Code of Ethics that prevents a councilman from accepting a grant. However, he cannot vote on anything that deals with community development or the grant process. Chairman Chiasson stated he would call Corporation Counsel to inform them of the opinion tomorrow morning.

MOTION: To Approve the Opinion that the Grant should be approved for Mr. Seymour.

BY: John Bellemare

Seconded: Joan Cloutier

For: All in favor

Against: None

Abstained: None

Roger Chiasson discussed that there is a meeting scheduled for April 8, 2026, but since the meeting was held early due to a request, that he would entertain a motion to cancel the April 8, 2026 meeting, absent any requests.

MOTION: To Cancel the April 8, 2026 Ethics Board meeting.

BY: Joan Cloutier

Seconded: Byron Pierce

For: All in favor

Against: None

Abstained: None

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:21 P.M.

BY: John Bellemare

Seconded: Bruce Barton

For: All in favor

Against: None

Abstained: None

This meeting was recorded via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Theam, recording secretary