## CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Fourth Quarter 2021, Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 21, 2021

Meeting Location: Cherokee County Cherokee Hall at The Bluffs

#### **Board Members:**

Stephen Divine, Member	Absent	Carolyn Kissiah, Member	Present
Phil Dodge, Vice-Chair	Present	Larry Mrozinski, Member	Present
Natalie Green Hosea, Member Present		Gaylen Roberts, Chair	Present
Gil Howard, Member	Present		

#### **Others Present:**

Phillip Beggs, CCBoE Attorney of Record Elizabeth Madson, CCBoE Secretary

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

#### Review of Minutes from October 22, 2020

Chairs Roberts stated that the minutes from October 22, 2020 were approved via email previously, and asked that we review the minutes again and address any comments or questions. No comments or questions were presented.

NOTE: No meetings were held in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021.

#### Public Hearing of Ethics Complaints

Chair Roberts opened the floor for public hearing/discussion. No issues were brought forward, and no one present had been made aware of any ethics complaints. Floor closed for ethics complaints.

## Discussion: Newspaper Notification of Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Chair Roberts led a discussion on whether the board needed to continue to publish a notice for the regular scheduled meetings in the newspaper, further explained in the BoE Manual, Open Meetings Act, sections (d) (1) and (2). Upon further review of sections (d) (1) and (2) and discussion, it was the board's consensus to continue to post the regularly scheduled meetings in the newspaper and also ask Christy Black to post an announcement for all meetings in the Cherokee County Conference Center for a week prior to any scheduled meetings.

#### Discussion: Cancellation of Meetings When There are No Complaints Filed

Chair Roberts led a discussion on the cancellation of meetings when there are no complaints filed pursuant to the BoE Manual, <u>General Rules of Procedure</u>, Section A., Paragraph 2. The Board preferred that they continue to meet for the regular quarterly meetings even when there are no complaints filed. Continuing with regular quarterly

meetings will allow the public the opportunity to attend the meetings, and allows the Board to inform them how to properly file a complaint if they are unaware of the documented process. Going forward, the Chair will have the final decision to cancel any meetings if no complaints are filed prior to the schedule meeting date.

### • New Business: Election of Officers for 2022

Chair Roberts opened the floor for nominations for the election of officers of the Board for 2022. Member Howard made a motion to nominate Larry Mrozinki to Chair. Member Hosea-Green seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Roberts made a motion to nominate Natalie Hosea-Green as Vice-Chair. Member Dodge seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

# Next Meeting:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting of 2022 will be held Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 6:00p.m. at the Cherokee County Conference Center at The Bluffs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.