



BOARD OF ETHICS

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2023

FROM: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: CONSIDER WHETHER ABSENCE OF MEMBER DEMONT FROM AUGUST 3, 2023, MEETING SHOULD BE RECORDED AS EXCUSED OR UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

ISSUE:

Determine whether the absence of Member DeMont on August 3, 2023, should be recorded as excused or unexcused absence.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Ethics:

1. Determine the absence of Member DeMont from the Board of Ethics meeting on August 3, 2023, be excused.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the Board/Commission Attendance Policy Resolution No. 23976, Board Members shall make every effort to notify the administrative staff 24 hours prior to any regular meeting of his/her intent not to attend said meeting. The Board is required to express in its official minutes if the absence of the Board Member is excused or unexcused.

Pursuant to City Charter Section 805, if a member of a Board or Commission is absent from three consecutive regular meetings unless by permission of the Board or Commission expressed in its official minutes, the City Council can declare the office vacant.

DISCUSSION:

During the meeting of August 3, 2023, six (6) Board members were present and two (3) Board members were absent. The Board of Ethics is a nine (9) seat member body, and five (5) members must be present to call the meeting to order.

On July 20, 2023, Member DeMont notified staff that she will not be able to attend the meeting on July 21, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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