

CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall, Council Chambers
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Councilor Richer, Councilor Nemeth, Councilor Retrosi, Councilor Williams, Councilor Cullen, Councilor Hackett (remote via telephone conference), Councilor Warach, Deputy Mayor Shanahan, Mayor Carrier

Also Present: Deputy City Manager Parker, Deputy City Attorney Perez, City Clerk Vansylyvong-Bizier

Councilor Hackett attended the meeting via telephone conference because she is recovering from COVID and it is not reasonably practical for her to attend in person

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Taxpayers, Business owners, and Residents are invited to speak on the subject matter of the Special Meeting. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

Ryan Crosby, 5 Shore Ln, Executive Director of Dover Housing Authority, urged the Council to accept the report and recommendations from the Ethics Commission.

Rory Wilkie, 568 Sixth St, urged the Council to accept the ethics report and remove Councilor Cullen from the Planning Board.

Caitlin Wilkie, 568 Sixth St, urged the Council to accept the ethics report and remove Councilor Cullen from the Planning Board.

Hilary Hamer, 91 Court St, spoke about municipal planning boards and how complex they are. Ms. Hamer commented on the juror standard and the importance of being impartial while serving on a municipal planning board.

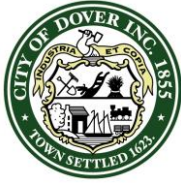
Gina Cruikshank, 19 Glenwood Ave, Planning Board Chair, handed out a statement that she read from the last meeting. Ms. Cruikshank urged the Council to reject the recommendation from the Ethics Commission.

Ronan O'Doherty, 13 Elliot Park, spoke about the character of Councilor Cullen and asked the Council to reject the recommendation from the Ethics Commission.

David Landry, 131 Boxwood Ln, voiced his support for Councilor Cullen and asked the Council to reject the recommendations from the Ethics Commission.

Michael Bolduc, 5 Reyners Brook Dr, spoke against the report submitted by the Ethics Commission and urged the Council to reject the recommendations.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS



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A. CONSIDERATION OF CITY OF DOVER ETHICS COMMISSION FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ETHICS COMPLAINT OF CAITLIN WILKIE AGAINST COUNCILOR FERGUS CULLEN

The Chair of the Ethics Commission, Allan Krans, presented the findings and recommendations in the report provided to the Council regarding the ethics complaint filed by Caitlin Wilkie against Councilor Fergus Cullen.

Chairman Krans answered questions from the Council in regards to the process the Ethics Commission went through once they received the complaint, how they came to their findings and the rationale behind it.

Councilor Cullen and his attorney presented a rebuttal of the complaint findings and answered questions from the Council.

A lengthy question and answer discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor Shanahan moved to accept the report, as written, from the Ethics Commission and place on file without taking any action, seconded by Councilor Retrosi.

Roll Call Vote: 5-3, with Councilor Richer, Councilor Hackett, and Councilor Warach opposed. Councilor Cullen was recused from the vote.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Warach moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Nemeth.

Vote: 8-0.