

**ETHICS BOARD - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018 | 6:30 PM**

<u>Ethic Board Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mary LaSonde, Chairman	X	
Avery Randolph	X	
Rodney Lawrence	X	
Lucina Sagers - Secretary	X	
Walter Denson	X	
Sharon Kellam	X	

1. Call Meeting To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Ms. LaSonde at 6:35 p.m. Five members constituted a quorum.

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

A motion was made to revise the order of the agenda – switching number 1 and 2 – and for approval. Mr. Randolph made the motion with Mr. Lawrence providing a second. **The motion was carried.**

3. Approval of the October 4, 2018 Minutes

Mr. Randolph moved to table the meeting minutes with a second from Mr. Lawrence. **The motion was carried.**

4. Results from Municipal court Hearing

Ms. LaSonde is requesting an update from the Court regarding Council Member Stamp-Jones hearing.

5. Executive Session

A motion to initiate the Executive Session to discuss agenda item “3” was made by Mr. Randolph and seconded by Mr. Denson. Discussion ensued at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Lawrence made a motion to move out of the Executive Session to the Board’s regular session at 8:55 p.m. Ms. Sagers seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

6. Results of Complaint filed by Council Member Ruffin against Council Member Stamps Jones

A motion was made to vote on the first charge of the complaint by Ms. Sagers and Mr. Avery provided a second. The Board vote was unanimous that the charges regarding Section 3.12 are valid. **The motion carried.**

Ms. Sagers moved to vote on the second charge of the complaint and Mr. Avery provided a second. A vote ensued regarding the charges in Section 6.1 and there was a unanimous vote that the charges are valid. **The motion carried.**

The penalty of the Board is as follows: immediate voluntary leave of absence without pay, or immediate resignation, for Council Member Stamps Jones until all Ethics Board-related matters are resolved. Ms. Sagers moved for a motion to impose penalties, with a second from Mr. Avery. The Board will publicly read the findings at the next available meeting of the Riverdale City Council; and the findings will be made available to the public on the City of Riverdale’s website. **The motion carried.**

7. Ethics Board Complaint Filed by Council Member Stamps Jones

A motion was made by Ms. Sagers and second provided by Mr. Avery that the Complaint be dismissed based on improper filing: a) outside of business hour; and b) improper form. **The motion carried.**

8. **Adjournment:**
Mr. Avery made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. with Mr. Lawrence providing the second. **The motion carried.**

Mary LaSonde

Lucina Sagers