

Notice of Motion

Motion to Amend Policy 6 – Trustee Code of Ethics, Appendix 1

Moved by: Mike Rauch (at April 15th Public Board Meeting)

Seconded by: [Trustee Name]

WHEREAS transparency and accountability are fundamental principles of good governance;

AND WHEREAS the current policy requires strict confidentiality of all Code of Ethics proceedings, limiting the ability of the affected trustee to publicly respond to allegations;

AND WHEREAS an accused trustee should have the right to request a public hearing if they choose, provided it does not contravene privacy laws or other legal obligations;

AND WHEREAS a trustee subject to a Code of Ethics hearing should have the ability to publicly disclose details of the proceedings after the hearing has concluded, unless such disclosure would violate legal or privacy obligations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Policy 6 – Trustee Code of Ethics, Appendix 1 be amended to include the following provisions:

1. *The respondent trustee shall have the option to waive confidentiality and request that their Code of Ethics hearing be conducted in a public forum. This request must be made in writing and will be granted unless legal or privacy considerations prevent public disclosure. In cases where full public disclosure is not possible, the Board shall provide a summary of the findings while protecting sensitive information as required by law.*
2. *Following the conclusion of a Code of Ethics hearing, the respondent trustee shall have the right to publicly disclose details of the proceedings, including their own defense and any Board rulings, unless such disclosure would contravene the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act or other applicable laws.*