



Mableton Ethics Board – Special Called Meeting Minutes

City of Mableton

Ethics Board Special Called Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: 6:45 PM EDT

Location: 1245 Veterans Memorial Highway Suite 20 (Administrative Building)

Board Members Present: Board Chair Joel Cope, Board Vice-Chair Tammi Daniel, Board Member Ebony McCants, , Board Member Angela Weston, Board Secretary Patricia Thomas

Board Members Absent: Board Member Brandon Mitchell, Board Member Karen Clarke

Others Present: Mableton City Clerk Susan Hiott

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM EDT
2. **Roll Call:** Board Secretary Patricia Thomas called the roll: A quorum (5) of the board was present. Two board members were absent.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** *Motion* was made by Board Vice Chair, Tammi Daniel and was seconded by Board Member Ebony McCants to accept the meeting minutes for February 10, 2026. The motion carried, 5-0.
 - Later in the meeting, a motion was made by Angela Weston to modify the February 10, 2026, minutes and was seconded by Ebony McCants. The motion carried, 5-0.
 - Meeting minute modifications: Change line c.7, to read Section 3.6 instead of Section #4. Change c.11, to read Section 3.9 #6 instead of Section 3.9 #5.
 - A motion was made by Ebony McCants to approve the February 10, 2026, minutes as amended and was seconded by Angela Weston. The motion carried, 5-0.

4. Organizational and Procedural Items

The Board reviewed the following Ethics Board process documents:

A. City of Mableton Ethics Complaint Form

- This item needs to be added to the form: Add **District** to Section 2 of the form. This form is to be housed on the City of Mableton's web site, and a hard copy will be stored at the City of Mableton's Administrative offices.



B. Investigation Checklist

1. This line item needs to be added to the checklist: Add name of official complainant in the upper right corner, the accused member, log the matter number (there is a case file for each complaint that comes through with the date complaint was received).

C. Hearing Procedures of the City of Mableton Board of Ethics

1. In Section 3.5 -3 – Remove ‘subject to the approval by the City Council. It should state: ‘The Hearing Panel shall hire, contract with, or otherwise engage an investigator to assist with fact finding, evidence collection, interviewing witnesses, reviewing records, or performing any other investigative tasks the Hearing Panel deems appropriate’.
2. In Section 3.5, Remove line #6, ‘If additional time and/or funding to complete the investigation is needed, the Board will request further authorization from the City Council. (Removing this will move up numbers 7 and 8 in this section).
3. In Section 3.8, change #6 to read: ‘The funds for the same will be provided by Mableton City Government’.

D. The Written Findings of Fact and Recommendations document should contain:

- At the beginning of the document, move Panel Chair to be above Panel Members. Make Panel Members be 2 lines instead of one (to mimic what is in section II of this document).
- In **Section II**: Panel Composition and Impartiality, remove numbers 1 & 2 from the Panel Member’s signature lines.
- In **Section IV**, add the word CODE in front of Section(s).
- In **Section V for W1**, add ‘(Witness)’ after the text in the line with W-1 on it. This is being done to clarify that ‘W’ means Witness.

- E. A second oath for all members of the Ethics Board is needed for the record. The Board is asked to come to the Mableton City Meeting on March 25, 2026 at 6:15 PM EDT and the government official will redo it.



F. We will need to have another meeting to approve the edits proposed by the Board. The next Call Meeting will take place on April 14, 2026 @ 6:30 PM EDT.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None

6. **New Business:** None

Adjournment: *Motion* was made by Board Member Angela Weston to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM EDT. Board Member Ebony McCants seconded. The motion carried, 5-0.

Joel Cope, Chair

Prepared By: Board Secretary Patricia Thomas