

**Town of Preston
Ethics Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Podraza called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

2. Roll Call

Regular Members present

Hank Podraza – Chairman

Nancy Bartlett - Vice Chairman

Linda Christensen – Secretary

Gale Ennis - Alternate

3. Review and acceptance of Minutes from the January 8, 2025 meeting.

A motion was made by Nancy Bartlett and seconded by Hank Podraza to accept the Jan. 8, 2025 meeting minutes as presented.

Approved unanimously by all voting members. Motion carries.

4. New Business

A. Election of Officers

A motion was made by Linda Christensen and seconded by Nancy Bartlett to nominate Hank Podraza as Chairperson of the Ethics Commission.

Approved unanimously by all voting members. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Hank Podraza and seconded by Linda Christensen to nominate Nancy Bartlett as Vice Chairperson of the Ethics Commission.

Approved unanimously by all voting members. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Nancy Bartlett and seconded by Hank Podraza to nominate Linda Christensen as Secretary of the Ethics Commission.

Approved unanimously by all voting members. Motion carries.

5. Correspondence

A. 2026-2027 commission budget

Members reviewed the budget sheet.

A motion was made by Nancy Bartlett and seconded by Linda Christensen to accept the budget request for \$350 for 2026-2027

Account Code and description:

10.5.714100.4188.5360, Staff Development, \$50;

10.5.714100.4188.5610, Program Supplies, \$300.

Approved unanimously by voting members. Motion carries.

6. Review of the Ethics Code by members

7. Hank Podraza made a motion, seconded by Nancy Bartlett to amend the agenda to include the starting time for our regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by voting members. Motion carries.

Starting time of regular meeting - A request has been made to change the starting time of regular meeting to 4:00 pm. A motion was made by Hank Podraza and seconded by Nancy Bartlett to change the regular meeting time to 4:00 pm. The motion was approved unanimously by voting members. Motion carries.

The Ethics Commission By-Laws, Sec. 6, will be changed by Linda Christensen to reflect the change.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made Nancy Bartlett and seconded by Linda Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm. Approved unanimously by all voting members. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Christensen, Secretary
Preston Ethics Commission

Received For Record January 20, 2026
At 9:00 Am Cindy Palmer
Asst. Town Clerk