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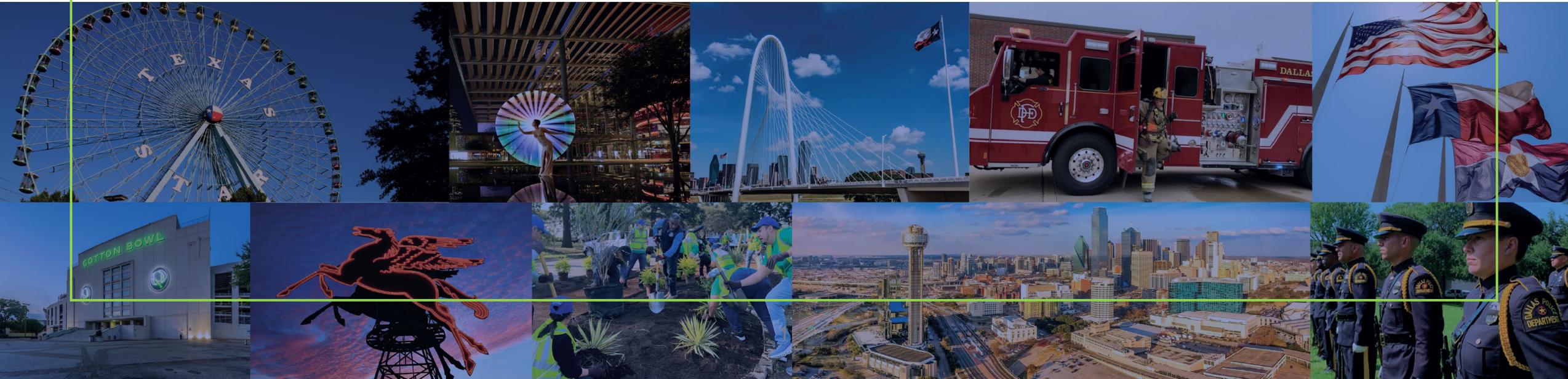
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Ad Hoc Committee on General Investigations and Ethics

Briefing:

12A-64 Code of Ethics Council review process

February 13, 2026





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Purpose: To strengthen the City of Dallas ethics code, through a biennial review of Chapter 12A, Code of ethics per 12A-64

Goals:

- Increased transparency, integrity, accountability, clarity, and OIG independence
- Inspector General input
- City Council input
- Public engagement
- Ethics Advisory Commission participation and guidance

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Council gets structured input, vetted recommendations, and a clear path to updates.

Process

- Ethics Advisory Commission (EAC) working groups review IG recommendations (22)—along with suggestions from Council and the public—and forward a proposed list to the Ethics Advisory Commission (EAC).
- EAC to consider and adopt its recommendations for the Ad Hoc Committee on Government Investigations and Ethics (GI&E).
- GI&E sets up a brief and consideration for City Council.

2026 Timeline

- Ethics Advisory Commission (EAC) working groups formed (Jan)
- Council members make suggestions to EAC (Feb - Mar)
- Public engagement solicited (Feb – Mar)
- EAC working groups consider recommendations (Feb – April)
- EAC working groups report to EAC (May)
- Ad Hoc briefed on EAC recommendations (June)
- Council briefed on the recommendations (August)
- Council considers recommendations (August)

2026 Next steps

- Council members contribute suggestions (February).
- Public engagement window: 2/15–3/15.
- EAC working groups meeting to review existing and forthcoming recommendations (February – March)