

Rules Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
April 6, 2026

The Rules Committee met in Council Chambers on April 6, 2026 with these members in attendance:

Dustin Neely - Chair
Michelle Newman – Vice Chair
Molly Ingold

We wish to report

1. **Ordinance No. 26-15** An ordinance amending Chapter 218, Section 218.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Newark, Ohio, regarding mandatory ethics training for certain elected and appointed officials.

Mr. Neely - I will actually be presenting this from the Chair. This was brought to our attention because we had some conflicting language in this ordinance regarding how often elected and appointed officials must take ethics training. In the ordinance, there is conflicting language. The first part states that all elected and appointed officials shall attend no less than one hour of public ethics training every two years, and that the first training must take place within six months of the appointment or of the elected being sworn in. Later in the ordinance, however, there is a section that requires that training to be completed within six months of the adoption of the original ordinance, which was in 2018. That section goes on to refer to taking the training only once during a subsequent four-year term. As a result, we have two different time frames. What this ordinance proposes is to remove the second part, which requires training within six months of the adoption of the ordinance, because that is long past, about seven years ago, and to remove the section requiring training only once during a four-year term. This would clarify that elected and appointed officials must take ethics training within six months of their appointment or the swearing-in after the election, and then once every two years.

Motion to send to full Council by Ms. Ingold, Second by Ms. Newman, Motion passed 3-0

Meeting stands adjourned.

Dustin Neely, Chair