

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
CITY OF SAN DIEGO ETHICS COMMISSION**

**July 25, 2002
5:15 p.m.
City Administration Building
Council Committee Room
202 C Street, 12th Floor**

Agenda Item No. 1 - Call to Order. (Time: 5:20:45 p.m.)

Chairperson Leonard called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Roll Call. (Time: 5:20:56 p.m.)

Present – Chairperson Dorothy Leonard, Vice-Chairperson Al Gaynor, Commissioners Lisa Foster, Charles La Bella, April Riel, Dorothy Smith, and Greg Vega.

Staff - Executive Director Charles Walker, Deputy City Attorney Rick Duvernay, Legal Assistant Stephen Ross, Investigator Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Secretary DonnaLee McCalla.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Reporting Results of Closed Session. (Time: 5:20:59 p.m.)

The Commission unanimously approved the dismissal of one item.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Approval of Commission Minutes. (Time: 5:21:13 p.m.)

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2002.
Speaker: Melvin Shapiro inquired as to his comments under Non-Agenda Item.
Moved/Seconded: Gaynor/Smith.
Vote: Unanimous approval.
Abstained: Leonard/Vega.

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2002
Moved/Seconded: Smith/LaBella.
Vote: Unanimous approval.
Abstained: Foster/Riel.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Non-Agenda Comment. (Time: 5:25:48 p.m.)

Speaker: Melvin Shapiro commented on his complaints submitted to the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 6 - Commissioner Comment.

(Time: 5:28:15 p.m.)

Commissioner Smith informed the Commission of her absence at the August 8, 2002 meeting.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Executive Directors Comment.

(Time: 5:28:37 p.m.)

Executive Director Charles Walker reported on the following:

1. The preparation of binders to each commissioner to assist with document organization.
2. The Commission has received 37 complaints; 29 dismissals; and, 8 investigations.
3. Presented the Housing Commission's submittal for a request for an opinion regarding the stipend issue. The City Clerk will now be the filing official for the Housing Commission.
4. Mr. Walker attended the July 25, 2002 Manager's Quarterly Meeting. He informed the commission that the City Manager made a forceful statement of City unclassified managers attending mandatory ethics training.
5. Commissioner LaBella made a presentation about the Commission to the County Bar Association on July 25, 2002.
6. Mr. Walker has a speaking engagement before the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners on August 15, 2002.
7. Mr. Walker reminded the Commissioners to speak into their microphones.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Deputy City Attorney Comment.

(Time: 5:35:34 p.m.)

None.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Education, Training, and Awareness Program for individuals falling under the jurisdiction of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission.

(Time: 5:35:37 p.m.)

Executive Director Charles Walker reported and the Commission discussed the following:

1. The Commission's report outlining the education program's learning objectives and accompanying PowerPoint presentation before the Rules Committee on July 24, 2002, being well received.

2. Continued discussion of the options for making the training mandatory and how it would play out. The options discussed were to: 1) modify the Ethics Ordinance, or 2) amend the Council Policy to adapt the mandatory training and return with proposed changes.
3. Mr. Duvernay presented a proposed amendment to Council Policy 000-04 Code of Ethics to address mandatory training. This will be an action item on the August 8th Agenda.
4. Commissioner Foster commented that she did not believe the Commission's approval was needed for the proposed learning objectives. Rather, updates to the program would be sufficient.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND AWARENESS PROGRAM REPORT

Moved/Seconded: Smith/LaBella

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Agenda Item No. 10 - Ad-Hoc Operating Policy Subcommittee. (Time: 6:25:26 p.m.)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED OPERATING POLICIES.

Moved/Seconded: Gaynor/Smith.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Adjournment.

(Time: 6:26:35 p.m.)

Chairperson Leonard adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Dorothy Leonard, Chairperson
Ethics Commission

DonnaLee McCalla, Executive Secretary
Ethics Commission

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