



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, March 11, 2004**

Item-1: Call to Order.

Vice Chairwoman April Riel called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Item-2: Roll Call.

Present – Vice Chairwoman April Riel, Commissioners Dorothy Leonard, Karen Thomas-Stefano, Greg Vega, and Larry W. Westfall.

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, Deputy City Attorney Dave James, Legal Assistant Steve Ross, Investigator Lauri Davis, Executive Secretary Janet MacFarlane.

Excused – Chairwoman Dorothy Smith and Commissioner Charles H. Dick, Jr.

Item-3: Reporting Results of Closed Session.

Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst reported the results of the Closed Session Meeting of February 26, 2004.

Conference with Legal Counsel (2 Potential Matters)

Case No. 2004-06

Motion: Initiate Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Westfall/Riel
Vote: Unanimous
Excused: Dick, Vega

Case No. 2004-07

Motion: Initiate Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Stefano/Riel
Vote: Unanimous
Excused: Dick, Vega

Item-4: Approval of Commission Minutes.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2004

Motion: Approve minutes of February 26, 2004

Moved/Seconded: Stefano/Leonard

Vote: Unanimous

Abstained: Vega

Excused: Dick/Smith

Item-5: Non-Agenda Public Comment.

None.

Item-6: Commissioner Comment.

None.

Item-7: Executive Director Comment.

Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst reported the following:

1. Educational training videotape being prepared for elected officials and unclassified employees. This will not replace live, educational training sessions.
2. Two live trainings are currently scheduled: Training for City Attorney employees on Friday, March 19, 2004, and for City unclassified employees on Wednesday, April 7, 2004.
3. The majority of Board and Commission members have returned their certifications of Ethics Training. As required by council policy, those members failing to return the training certifications will be reported to the appropriate appointing authority.
4. Training recertification program should be online by the Fall of 2004.
5. Status of Ethics Commission budget.
6. Status of Financial Investigator position.

Item-8: Deputy City Attorney Comment.

None.

Item 9: Amendment to Ethics Commission Legislative Calendar

Stacey Fulhorst reviewed potential modifications to the Commission's legislative calendar.

Motion: Adjourn Ethics Commission Meeting of April 22, 2004

Moved/Seconded: Leonard/Vega

Vote: Unanimous

Excused: Dick/Smith

Item 10: Status Report from Ad Hoc Committee to Review Division 4 of the San Diego Municipal Code

Commissioner Stefano reviewed the draft letter to the mayor, noting she made a few stylistic changes she would forward to the Executive Director.

Motion: Approve draft letter as modified

Moved/Seconded: Stefano/Leonard

Vote: Unanimous

Excused: Dick/Smith

Item 11: Adjournment to Closed Session

Vice Chairwoman April Riel adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at approximately 5:35 p.m. She stated if the Commission took any action that must be reported pursuant to the Brown Act, the Commission would reconvene into Open Session to report on that action.

April Riel, Vice Chairwoman
Ethics Commission

Janet MacFarlane, Executive Secretary
Ethics Commission

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