

Minutes for Meeting of Thursday, October 10, 2019

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Chair Voorakkara called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

<u>**Present</u></u> – Commission Chair Sid Voorakkara, Commission Vice Chair Alex Kreit, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Tom Hebrank, Fred Kosmo, and Dave Potter</u>**

<u>Absent</u> – Commissioner Deborah Cochran

<u>Staff</u> – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of September 12, 2019

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Baber/Potter
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran
Abstained:	Kreit

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commission Chair Voorakkara reminded the Commissioners that Ms. Fulhorst plans to retire in 2021. He informed them that he will be establishing an ad hoc subcommittee in January 2020 to oversee recruitment efforts. Ms. Cameron reminded the Commissioners that the subcommittee will be limited to three members. Commissioners Kosmo and Hebrank expressed interest in serving on the subcommittee. Commissioner Baber indicated that he would be willing to participate as well if Commissioner Voorakkara elects not to fill the third spot.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst reminded the Commission that Commissioner Cochran is currently serving beyond her expired term until her replacement is appointed. She reported that the Mayor recently appointed Caridad Sanchez to replace her, and has also appointed Commissioners Baber and Voorakkara to serve a second term. She anticipates that City Council confirmation of these appointments will take place within the next three to four weeks.

Ms. Fulhorst also provided a brief report concerning the third candidate training session that was held on September 27, 2019.

In response to a request from the Chair, she reported that staff is currently conducting research to gather information that may be relevant to the Commission's consideration of proposed amendments to the Audit Manual, pursuant to the request made by Commissioner Baber at the last Commission meeting.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Citizens for the Responsible Management of Major Tourism and Entertainment Resources-Yes on D Committee

Ms. Fulhorst commended Ms. Gomez for her timely completion of the audits from the 2016 election cycle.

Motion:	Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded:	Kreit/Potter
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran

Item 9: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Voorakkara adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m. He stated the Commission would reconvene into open session following the conclusion of closed session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Chair Voorakkara called the meeting back into open session at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of October 10, 2019

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of October 10, 2019:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (5 potential matters)

Case Nos. 2019-31 through 2019-33 – Content of Quarterly Report: Organization Lobbyists and Lobbying Firms

Motion:	Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Baber
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran

Case No. 2019-34 – Paid for by – Mass Campaign Literature

Motion:	Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded:	Baber/Kosmo
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran

Case No. 2019-36 – Accepting Contributions from Organizations

Motion:	Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded:	Hebrank/Baber
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (3 potential matters)

Case No. 2019-24 – Disclosure of Behested Payment

Motion:	Dismiss
Moved/Seconded:	Hebrank/Baber
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran

Case No. 2019-28 – Disclosure of Major Funders

Motion:	Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Baber
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran

Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding Save San Diego High – Yes on Measure I

Motion:	Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Hebrank
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran

Case No. 2019-30 – Lawful Use of Campaign Funds; Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding Sarah Saez for District 9 City Council 2016

Motion:	Dismiss and Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded:	Hebrank/Baber
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

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Sid Voorakkara, Chair Ethics Commission Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator Ethics Commission

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