

Minutes for Meeting of Thursday, February 10, 2022

Item 1: Call to Order

The Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

<u>Present</u> – Commission Chair Bill Baber, and Commissioners Paul Cooper, Tom Hebrank, Jimmie Slack, and Sid Voorakkara

Absent – Commission Vice Chair Caridad Sanchez

<u>Staff</u> – Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Proclaiming Continued Need for Virtual Monthly Meetings of the Ethics Commission During COVID-19 Emergency

Motion: The Ethics Commission will continue to meet virtually as allowed under California Assembly Bill 361, adopting the findings contained in Resolution No. R-2022-207 adopted by the San Diego City Council on December 14, 2021.

Moved/Seconded: Hebrank/Voorakkara Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Sanchez

Item 4: Approval of Commission Minutes of December 16, 2021

Motion: Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded: Voorakkara/Slack
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Sanchez

Item 5: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 6: Commissioner Comment

None

Item 7: Executive Director Comment

The Executive Director reported that Commission staff's move upstairs to Suite 1410 occurred in late December. She thanked former Commission Chair Voorakkara and former Commission Vice Chair Hebrank for assisting her last year with the office space situation, as the Commission's previous lease was expiring at the end of 2021.

The Executive Director also reported that staff was receiving and responding to an increased number of advice calls now that the City is in an active election year.

She reported that Commission staff had completed three training sessions on the City's campaign finance laws for municipal candidates and campaign staff, as well as a recent quarterly training on the City's ethics laws for about 90 unclassified City employees.

Item 8: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 9: Informational Item – Presentation of Ethics Commission Annual Report for 2021

The Executive Director presented the Commission's Annual Report. She thanked staff for their efforts that are detailed in the report. She explained that the report not only highlights all of the Commission's work for the year, but is posted on the website and shared with the regulated community so the public can better understand the Commission's work and assistance that it provides.

Item 10: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Baber adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of February 10, 2022

The results of the closed session meeting of February 10, 2022 are as follows:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 matter)

Case No. 2021-12 - Campaign Recordkeeping and Disclosures

Motion: Part A - Approve Stipulation

Moved/Seconded: Voorakkara/Hebrank Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Sanchez

Motion: Part B - Approve Stipulation

Moved/Seconded: Cooper/Hebrank
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Sanchez

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2022-01 - Disclosure of Economic Interests

Motion: Authorize Investigation

Moved/Seconded: Cooper/Hebrank
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Sanchez Recused: Baber

Item-3: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2022-02 – Lobbying Registration and Disclosures

Motion: Authorize Investigation

Moved/Seconded: Cooper/Slack

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Sanchez Recused: Hebrank

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:23 p.m.

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Bill Baber, Chair Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator

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