



**Minutes for the Meeting of
Thursday, March 9, 2023**

Item 1: Call to Order

The Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Caridad Sanchez, Commission Vice Chair Paul Cooper, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Tom Hebrank, Jimmie Slack, and Sid Voorakkara

Staff – Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Legislative Program Manager Megan Curran, Education Program Manager Ryan O’Connor, and Program Manager of Administration and Training Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of February 9, 2023

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

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Baber, who has served for nearly eight years on the Ethics Commission and previously served as its Chair, informed the Commission that he was resigning from his seat effective March 10, 2023.

Commissioner Baber’s resignation comes just three months before he would have completed his second term. He could not have been reappointed after June 30, 2023 because of term limits. He noted that his resignation is due to

his relocation to another jurisdiction, where he will register to vote. Under the Municipal Code, Commissioners must be qualified electors of San Diego County to serve on the board. Commissioner Baber noted that he would return to the June 2023 meeting for an item recognizing departing board members.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

The Executive Director noted the April 1, 2023 deadline for City of San Diego filers to file their Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700s). She noted that the Ethics Commission will likely receive enforcement matters regarding those in the Commission's jurisdiction who fail to meet the deadline.

The Executive Director also noted that staff's annual Lobbying Report is expected to be presented at the May meeting. She anticipated that the Commission would also hold a discussion on the City's Lobbying Ordinance at that time.

She also noted that Commission staff are continuing to monitor all activities related to the amendments to the Political Reform Act due to Senate Bill 1439, including regulations proposed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and related litigation.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Presentation Regarding Recommendation to Expand Commission's Jurisdiction to Include Certain Classified City Employees

The Executive Director provided an overview of the Auditor's and Audit Committee's recommendation to expand the Commission's jurisdiction to include certain classified City employees. Commissioners discussed possible options related to the recommendation. The Commission then directed the Executive Director to draft a memo to City management detailing the options for implementing various portions of the recommendation, along with the Commission's projected needs for additional budget and staffing, as well as timeline requirements, to enact each of the options.

The presentation is available at this [link](#) for the public to view.

Item 9: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:23 p.m. She stated the Commission would reconvene into open session

following the conclusion of closed session to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Chair Sanchez called the meeting back into open session at approximately 6:51 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of March 9, 2023

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of March 9, 2023:

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

Case No. 2022-23 - Misuse of City Position or Resources

Motion:	No Further Action
Moved/Seconded:	Cooper/Slack
Vote:	Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 6:53 p.m.

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Caridad Sanchez, Chair
Ethics Commission

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Victoria Velasquez, Program Manager
Ethics Commission

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