



**Agenda for the Meeting of  
Thursday, April 11, 2024  
5:00 p.m.**

**In-Person Meeting**

**Second Floor Conference Room  
451 A Street, San Diego, California 92101**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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**Item 1: Call to Order.**

**Item 2: Roll Call.**

**Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes.**

Approval of Commission Minutes of Meeting of March 14, 2024.

▶ View back-up materials: [Minutes](#)

**Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment.**

**Item 5: Commissioner Comment.**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for Commissioners to make announcements or comments.

**Item 6: Executive Director Comment.**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for the Executive Director to make announcements or comments.

**Item 7: General Counsel Comment.**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for the Commission's General Counsel to make announcements or comments.

**Item 8: Ethics Reform Proposal to Amend Laws Governing the Ethics Commission in the Municipal Code and Charter.**

This item is noticed for discussion and possible action.

Commission staff will present a preliminary report analyzing the City Attorney's proposed Ethics Reform package, including Commission staff's recommended amendments for best practices. The proposals would update certain of the Commission's procedural and enforcement laws by amending the San Diego Municipal Code (Article 6, Division 4: Ethics Commission), and the City Charter (including section 41(d), Ethics Commission). Charter amendments require voter approval.

Municipal Code section 26.0414(f) empowers the Commission "To perform ongoing review of the *City's* existing *Governmental Ethics Laws* and the *Commission's* enforcement procedures, and to propose updates of those laws to the City Council for approval."

► View back-up materials: (1) [Staff Report](#); (2) [Strikeout ordinance, RC-2024-2 from City Attorney \(included as well in the March 2024 backup\)](#)

**Item 9: Ethics Commission Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2025**

Initial discussion and possible action regarding the upcoming election of the next Ethics Commission Chair and Vice Chair, who will serve a one-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

**Item 10: Recruitment for Next Executive Director**

Discussion and possible action regarding plans for recruiting the Commission's next Executive Director, including discussion of whether to contract with an outside search firm.

► View back-up materials: [Memorandum from Executive Director dated March 27, 2024](#)

**Item 11: Announcement of Closed Session Items / Adjourn to Closed Session.**

Items to be discussed in Closed Session are listed in the Closed Session portion of the Agenda. The Commission will hear any public comment on these items before it recesses the open session meeting to convene in Closed Session.

The Commission will reconvene into open session following the conclusion of Closed Session to report any action taken. A record of actions taken in Closed Session will also be posted on the Commission's website on Friday, April 12, 2024.

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## CLOSED SESSION

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### **Item 1: Conference with Legal Counsel**

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4). **(Case No. 2023-16)**

The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider the settlement, dismissal, status of an investigation, or the issuance of a subpoena or Draft Administrative Complaint. Should the issuance of a Draft Administrative Complaint be authorized, the identity of the Respondent or Respondents will be available after a Draft Administrative Complaint is issued and the matter is noticed for discussion as pending litigation. The nature and details of the allegations will be available upon request only if and after a Final Administrative Complaint is issued.

### **Item 2: Conference with Legal Counsel**

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4). **(Case No. 2023-26)**

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participation, may be made by contacting the Ethics Commission. Please call (619) 533-3476 or email [ethicscommission@sandiego.gov](mailto:ethicscommission@sandiego.gov). This may include requests seeking alternatives to observing meetings and offering public comment as noted above. Requests for translation services or auxiliary aids may require different lead times, which may range from five business days to two weeks. Please contact the Ethics Commission as soon as possible to ensure availability. The Ethics Commission is committed to addressing requests promptly to maximize accessibility and public participation.

**COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Commission **prior** to the start of the meeting. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission shall take no discussion or action, other than a referral, on any issue brought forth under “Non-Agenda Comment.”

**COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** When the Commission Chair has introduced the item on which you would like to comment, you will be asked to introduce yourself and provide your comments. Each speaker will have three minutes to speak. The Commission will take public comment on Closed Session items, if any, before adjourning to that meeting.

If you wish to submit written materials, please do so by sending an email to [ethicscommission@sandiego.gov](mailto:ethicscommission@sandiego.gov) no later than close of business on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Materials submitted via e-mail by this deadline will be distributed to the Ethics Commissioners before the meeting.