



**Agenda for the Meeting of
Thursday, May 9, 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

Item 1: Call to Order.

Item 2: Roll Call.

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes.

Approval of Commission Minutes of Meeting of April 11, 2024.

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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: Consideration and Adoption of Ethics Commission Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2025.

Consideration and adoption of the Commission's schedule of monthly meetings for the 2025 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025).

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

Discussion and possible action to nominate and elect the Commission's officers, who will serve a one-year term beginning July 1, 2024.

Item 10: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Kent Lee for City Council 2022 Committee.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Final Audit Report presented by staff concerning the audit of the Kent Lee for City Council 2022 Committee.

► View back-up materials: [Final Audit Report](#)

Item 11: 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.

The Executive Director will report on the status of a ballot proposal to amend City Charter language that governs the Ethics Commission. The Charter amendment proposals are part of a reform package proposed by the City Attorney. The City Council's Rules Committee has requested input from the Executive Director and Commission on the proposal. An updated draft of the proposed Charter amendment language will be discussed.

► View back-up materials: (1) [Staff Report](#); (2) [Strikeout ordinance, RC-2024-2 from City Attorney](#); (3) [Proposed Amendments](#)

Item 12: 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, May 10, 2024.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 1: Conference with Legal Counsel

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4). **(1 potential matter - Case No. 2024-08)**

The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider initiating a formal investigation, determining whether to pursue administrative remedies, or issuing a Draft Administrative Complaint against a person or persons alleged to have violated the City's governmental ethics laws. Should an investigation be authorized, the identity of the person or persons being investigated will be available upon request only if and after a Draft Administrative Complaint is issued. The nature and details of the allegations will be available upon request only if and after a Final Administrative Complaint is issued.

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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 no later than close of business on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Materials submitted via e-mail by this deadline will be distributed to the Ethics Commissioners before the meeting.