

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO ETHICS COMMISSION**

**September 13, 2001  
5:00 P. M.  
City Administration Building, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Council Chambers  
202 C Street**

**MEMBERS**

Dorothy Leonard, Chair  
Albert Gaynor, Vice-Chair  
Lisa Foster  
Charles La Bella  
April Riel  
Dorothy Smith  
Gregory Vega

**Agenda Item No. 1 - Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dorothy Leonard at 5:00 p.m.

(Tape location: A005-A006)

**Agenda Item No. 2 - Roll Call.**

The meeting began with all Commissioners present.

(Tape location: A007-A010)

**Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of Commission Minutes.**

The minutes for the August 22, 2001 meeting were approved.

(Tape location: A011-A015)

**Agenda Item No. 5 - Non-Agenda Comment.**

PUBLIC COMMENT 1 - Mel Shapiro spoke about the complaint process.

(Tape location: A016-A073)

### **Agenda Item No. 5 - Commissioner Comment.**

COMMISSIONER COMMENT 1 - Chairperson Leonard announced that there is no registration fee for the campaign reform workshop in Los Angeles.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT 2 - Commissioner Foster announced that she must leave today's meeting at 6:00 p.m. in order to attend her daughter's open house.

(Tape location: A074-A085)

### **Agenda Item No. 6 - Commission Personnel.**

Applications for the position of Executive Director are due September 28. Initial screening will be October 1 (noticed closed session). Interviews will be held October 6 (noticed closed session). If a second round of interviews is required, it will be held October 11 (noticed closed session). Commissioner Foster requested that Commissioners submit interview questions to her.

Commissioners Gaynor and La Bella suggested that the Commission might consider contracting for an investigator, rather than hiring one.

(Tape location: A086-A290)

### **Agenda Item No. 7 - Commission Procedures.**

This item was taken after Item No. 8. Commissioners Smith and Riel will visit the ethics commissions of Los Angeles and San Francisco to discuss their rules and regulations; and will report the results of those visits to the Commission. There was discussion of budgeting for the position of special prosecutor, and of limiting the time an individual may serve as executive director.

(Tape location: B298-B477)

### **Agenda Item No. 8 - Subpoena Power Charter Amendment Language.**

This item was taken out of order, preceding Item No. 7.

The Commission will recommend the following language to the Rules Committee of the City of San Diego as a proposed Charter amendment for the March 5, 2002 ballot:

“Section 41(d): Ethics Commission. For so long as an Ethics Commission remains established by ordinance of the Council, the Executive Director of the Commission shall be appointed by the Commission, subject to confirmation by the Council, and shall thereafter serve at the direction and pleasure of the Commission. The Commission, or any person designated by the Commission, may, in accordance

with complaint and investigation procedures approved by ordinance of the Council, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance and testimony, administer oaths and affirmations, take evidence and require by subpoena the production of any books, papers, records, or other items material to the performance of the Commission's duties or exercise of its powers."

MOTION BY FOSTER TO APPROVE LANGUAGE OF REVISED PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT. Second by Smith. Passed by unanimous vote.

(Tape location: A296-B297)

**Agenda Item No. 9 - Commission Calendar.**

Additional meetings of the Commission were scheduled for November 1, November 15 and December 6, 2001, each to begin at 5:00 p.m. If required, a meeting may also be scheduled for November 29, 2001.

There was discussion of holding public workshops for input on Commission procedures during October and November, or having a 30-day review period for public comment, or both.

(Tape location: B478-B685)

**Agenda Item No. 10 - Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Leonard at 6:30 p.m.

(Tape location: B686)

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Dorothy Leonard, Chairperson  
Ethics Commission

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Bonnie J. Stone  
Deputy City Clerk