



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, May 10, 2018**

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Vice Chair Sid Voorakkara, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Alex Kreit, Joe Leventhal, and Dave Potter

Absent – Commission Chair Deborah Cochran and Commissioner Fred Kosmo

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, and Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of April 12, 2018

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Leventhal
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Kosmo

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Vice Chair Voorakkara reported that Chair Cochran has asked Commissioners Baber and Kreit to serve on an ad hoc nominating subcommittee with her to make recommendations for both the Chair and Vice Chair at the June meeting. In response to a request from Commissioner

Leventhal, Vice Chair Voorakkara briefly explained the nomination/election process.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst reported that she, Ms. Cameron, Mr. Ross, and Commissioner Baber met with John Nienstedt of Competitive Edge in connection with concerns he expressed at the March Commission meeting regarding the application of certain disclosure requirements to surveys conducted by professional pollsters. She described the meeting as constructive and noted that the pros and cons of various alternatives were discussed. The group plans to meet again in June to finalize options to present to the full Commission at the July meeting.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m. He stated the Commission would reconvene into open session following the conclusion of closed session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara called the meeting back into open session at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of May 10, 2018

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of May 10, 2018:

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

Case No. 2018-11 – Content of Campaign Statements

Motion:	Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded:	Baber/Potter
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Kosmo

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (3 potential matters)

Case No. 2018-07 – Content of Quarterly Report: Lobbying Firm

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Baber/Kreit
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kosmo
Recused: Leventhal

Case No. 2018-08 – Content of Quarterly Report: Lobbying Firm

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Kreit
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kosmo
Recused: Baber

Case No. 2018-09 – Content of Quarterly Report: Lobbying Firm

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Leventhal/Baber
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kosmo

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

Advantage Towing Company and Ayman Arekat v. San Diego Ethics Commission, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2016-00025238-CU-WM-CTL

No Reportable Action

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

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Sid Voorakkara, Vice Chair
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Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
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