



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, May 9, 2019**

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, Fred Kosmo, and Dave Potter

Absent – Commission Chair Deborah Cochran and Commissioner Alex Kreit

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Melissa Lewis, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of April 11, 2019

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Baber/Potter
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Kreit

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Kosmo asked Ms. Fulhorst about the California Fair Political Practices Commission meeting in San Diego on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Ms. Fulhorst encouraged the Commissioners to attend the meeting. Alternatively, she mentioned that the meeting would be available to watch online.

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara reported that Chair Cochran has asked Commissioners Baber and Potter to serve on an ad hoc nominating subcommittee with her to make recommendations for both the Chair and Vice Chair at the June meeting.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst provided an overview of her presentation before the Budget Review Committee on May 6th regarding the addition of a full-time employee to train under Steve Ross before his retirement in January 2021.

Ms. Fulhorst also welcomed and introduced General Counsel Melissa Lewis, an associate attorney with the Devaney Pate Morris & Cameron firm. She explained that General Counsel Christina Cameron has included Ms. Lewis on some recent Commission projects and will ask Ms. Lewis to staff Commission meetings in the future in the event that she is unable to attend.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Citizens Opposed to Hickey for City Attorney 2016 Committee

Motion:	Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Kosmo
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Kreit

Item 9: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Citizens for the Fair & Honest Elections - No on Measure K Committee

Motion:	Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Kosmo
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Kreit

Item 10: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the No Downtown Stadium - Jobs and Streets First! No on C Committee

Motion:	Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Kosmo
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Kreit

Item 11: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Rebuild San Diego - Yes on H Committee

Motion: Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded: Kosmo/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kreit

Item 12: Staff Report Concerning Lobbying Activity in 2017 and 2018

Ms. Fulhorst presented the staff report concerning lobbying and related activities disclosed by lobbying firms and organization lobbyists in calendar years 2017 and 2018. She noted that the report was submitted as an informational item.

Item 13: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:20 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 5:50 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of May 9, 2019

Ms. Lewis reported the results of the closed session meeting of May 9, 2019:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (7 potential matters)

One item withdrawn (Case No. 2019-17)

Case No. 2019-10 – Disclosure of Behested Payment

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

Case Nos. 2019-11 through 2019-15 – Disclosure of Economic Interests

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

Case No. 2019-16 – Failure to Timely Pay Vendors

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

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding Harris for Mayor 2016

Motion: Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded: Baber/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kreit

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

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Sid Voorakkara, Vice Chair
Ethics Commission

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Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
Ethics Commission

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