



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, September 12, 2019**

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Sid Voorakkara, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Deborah Cochran, Tom Hebrank, Fred Kosmo, and Dave Potter

Absent – Commission Vice Chair Alex Kreit

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

Item 3: Random Drawing for Audit of 2018 Election Cycle

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| Motion: | Remove the Christian Ramirez for San Diego City Council 2018 committee from its respective audit pool |
| Moved/Seconded: | Baber/Hebrank |
| Vote: | Carried Unanimously |
| Absent: | Kreit |

Executive Director Fulhorst introduced Deputy Director Diana Fuentes and Elections Analyst Mailei Ross-Cerezo with the City Clerk's office. Ms. Fuentes and Ms. Ross-Cerezo conducted the random drawing of committees from the 2018 election cycle in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Commission's Audit Manual. During the drawing, a total of fourteen candidate committees and five ballot measure committees were selected for audit. The selected committees are available on the Commission's website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/ethics/documents/audits/19auditselection>

Item 4: Approval of Commission Minutes of August 8, 2019

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

Item 5: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 6: Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Baber asked Ms. Fulhorst when the Commission's Audit Manual was last updated. Ms. Fulhorst responded that it was last updated in 2007 and is generally updated on an as-needed basis. Commissioner Baber suggested that the Commission discuss potential updates to the Audit Manual at a future meeting, with emphasis on the \$10,000 threshold for committees subject to audit.

Item 7: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst reminded the Commissioners that the third and final candidate training session for the 2020 primary election candidates will be held on Friday, September 27th at noon. She invited the Commissioners to attend.

Item 8: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 9: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Protect San Diego's Neighborhoods Committee

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

Item 10: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission 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 Chair Voorakkara called the meeting back into open session at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of September 12, 2019

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of September 12, 2019:

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

Case No. 2019-28 – Disclosure of Major Funders

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

Case No. 2019-29 – Content of Campaign Statements

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

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

Case No. 2019-21 – Paid for by – Telephone Communications

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

Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding San Diegans for Jobs and Sustainable Communities, Sponsored and Funded by Kilroy Realty, LP

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

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

Case No. 2019-30 – Lawful Use of Campaign Funds

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

Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding San Diegans for Full Voter Participation, Yes on K and L, Sponsored by Community and Voter Rights Organization

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

Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding Lori Saldaña for Mayor 2016

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

Adjournment

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

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Sid Voorakkara, Chair
Ethics Commission

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Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
Ethics Commission

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