



Ethics Commission

**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, June 11, 2020**

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Chair Voorakkara called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Sid Voorakkara, Commission Vice Chair Alex Kreit, and Commissioners Tom Hebrank, Fred Kosmo, Dave Potter, and Caridad Sanchez

Absent – Commissioner Bill Baber

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Education Program Manager Ryan O'Connor, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of March 12, 2020

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| Motion: | Approve Minutes |
| Moved/Seconded: | Hebrank/Potter |
| Roll Call Vote: | Carried Unanimously |
| Absent: | Baber |
| Abstained: | Kreit |

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Commission Chair Voorakkara read the comments submitted by Mr. Sam Mazzeo and Ms. Kathleen Lippitt.

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commission Chair Voorakkara thanked the Commission staff for coordinating the virtual meeting using Zoom.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst introduced the Commission’s new Education Program Manager, Ryan O’Connor. Mr. O’Connor expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to educate and advise those under the Commission’s jurisdiction. Commissioners Voorakkara and Kosmo welcomed Mr. O’Connor to the staff.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Kosmo provided the report for the ad hoc nominating subcommittee, which included Commissioner Sanchez. Specifically, the subcommittee recommended that the Commission re-elect Commissioner Voorakkara to serve as Chair and Commissioner Hebrank to serve as Vice Chair, effective July 1.

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| Motion: | Approve Subcommittee Recommendations |
| Moved/Seconded: | Kosmo/Kreit |
| Roll Call Vote: | Carried Unanimously |
| Absent: | Baber |

Item 9: Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report Regarding Executive Director Recruitment and Hiring

Commissioner Hebrank reported that the ad hoc subcommittee concluded the Request for Quote (RFQ) process for executive search services, interviewed three finalists, and selected Blair Search Partners to oversee recruitment for Ms. Fulhorst’s successor. He also reported that the subcommittee spoke with Trevor Blair and his team prior to the Commission meeting regarding the process and next steps.

Commissioner Kosmo added that all three finalists were well-qualified but Blair Search Partners’ experience with local executive hiring put them over the top.

Item 10: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Lorie Zapf for Council 2018 Committee

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| Motion: | Accept Audit Report |
| Moved/Seconded: | Hebrank/Kosmo |
| Roll Call Vote: | Carried Unanimously |
| Absent: | Baber |

Item 11: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Independent Leadership Coalition Supporting Chris Cate for Council 2018 Committee

Motion: Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Kosmo
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Baber

Item 12: Staff Report Concerning Lobbying Activity in 2019

Ms. Fulhorst presented the staff report concerning lobbying and related activities disclosed by lobbying firms and organization lobbyists in calendar year 2019. She thanked Ms. Velasquez for her work preparing the report and the accompanying charts which reflect trends over time. She also noted that the report was submitted as an informational item.

Item 13: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Voorakkara adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Results of Closed Session Meeting of June 11, 2020

The results of the closed session meeting of June 11, 2020 are as follows:

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

Case No. 2020-18 – Solicitation City Employees for Contributions

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

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (5 potential matters)

Case No. 2019-38 – Campaign Ads – Mailers, Flyers, Door Hangers

Motion: Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded: Hebrank/Kosmo
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Baber

Case No. 2020-02 – Disclosure of Economic Interests

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

Case No. 2020-07 – Disqualification: Conflict of Interest

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

Case No. 2020-08 – Failure to Timely File Campaign Statements

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

Case No. 2020-09 – Accepting Contributions from Organizations

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

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:25 p.m.

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Sid Voorakkara, Chair
Ethics Commission

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Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
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