



**Minutes for Meeting of  
Thursday, June 10, 2021**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

Commission Chair Voorakkara called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**Item 2: Roll Call**

**Present** – Commission Chair Sid Voorakkara, Commission Vice Chair Tom Hebrank, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Fred Kosmo, Dave Potter, and Caridad Sanchez (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)

**Staff** – Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Richard Romero, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

**Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of May 13, 2021**

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Hebrank
Roll Call Vote:	Carried 4-0
Absent:	Sanchez
Abstained:	Kosmo

**Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None

**Item 5: Commissioner Comment**

None

**Item 6: Executive Director Comment**

Executive Director Spivak explained that the timing of the Commission's return to "in person" meetings will depend in large part on how long the Governor extends Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended provisions of the Brown Act to allow for virtual meetings. She said she would work with outside counsel on this issue and keep the Commission apprised of any developments.

The Executive Director also thanked outgoing Chair Voorakkara for his service as chair and for all of his help as she onboarded to her new position.

**Item 7: General Counsel Comment**

None

**Item 8: Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Commission Chair Voorakkara noted that the Ad Hoc Committee, made up of himself, Commissioner Potter and Commissioner Hebrank, met to consider and recommend nominees to serve as the Commission's next Chair and Vice Chair, with a term beginning July 1, 2021. Commissioner Potter announced that the Ad Hoc committee made the following nominations:

Chair: Bill Baber  
Vice Chair: Caridad Sanchez

No other candidates were nominated by the Commission.

Commission Chair Voorakkara said he had been honored to serve as the Commission's chair, reflecting on his time in the position and the interesting work, as well as the Commission's staffing changes, including the retirement of the previous Executive Director and onboarding of her successor. He thanked outgoing Vice Chair Hebrank for all of his work, especially for serving as the point person in the search for a new Executive Director.

Motion: Approve Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations  
Moved/Seconded: Kosmo/Voorakkara  
Vote: Carried Unanimously

**Item 9: Adjourn to Closed Session**

Commission Chair Voorakkara adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:17 p.m.

## Results of Closed Session Meeting of June 10, 2021

The results of the closed session meeting of June 10, 2021 are as follows:

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

#### Case No. 2021-04 – Disclosure of Economic Interests

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

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

#### Case No. 2021-08 – Content of Quarterly Report: Lobbying Firm

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

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

#### Case Nos. 2021-09 and 2021-10 – Disclosure of Economic Interests

Motion: Dismiss (as to both matters)  
Moved/Seconded: Baber/Potter  
Vote: Carried Unanimously

### Item-4: Conference with Legal Counsel (2 matters)

#### Case No. 2021-11 – Disclosure of Economic Interests

Status report only. No action taken.

## Adjournment

The meeting concluded at approximately 5:43 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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