



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, October 21, 2021**

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Bill Baber, Commission Vice Chair Caridad Sanchez, and Commissioners Dave Potter, Tom Hebrank, and Sid Voorakkara (arrived at 5:03 p.m.)

Absent – Commissioner Fred Kosmo

Staff – Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Education Program Manager Ryan O’Connor, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Proclaiming Continued Need for Virtual Monthly Meetings of the Ethics Commission During COVID-19 Emergency

Motion: The Commission made findings to declare that its meetings will continue to be conducted remotely during the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, in compliance with California Government Code section 54953(e), added by Assembly Bill 361. The Commission adopted findings that the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of Commissioners and the public to meet safely in person, and to allow the Commission to continue meeting via teleconference pursuant to AB 361 based on data and information. The data includes information from the County of San Diego regarding transmission rates and hospitalizations, and that many of the zones in the region are either areas of substantial or high transmission.

Moved/Seconded: Hebrank/Voorakkara
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Kosmo

Item 4: Approval of Commission Minutes of September 9, 2021

Motion: Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Voorakkara
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Kosmo
Abstained: Hebrank

Item 5: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 6: Commissioner Comment

None

Item 7: Executive Director Comment

The Executive Director noted that the Commission's downtown office space lease expires December 31, 2021. She noted that the Commission will be moving to another suite in the same building and thanked the former Chair and Vice Chair, who assisted her with this process.

Item 8: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 9: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the “Yes! For a Better San Diego – supported by a coalition of downtown tourism and lobbying organizations, civic and community activists, organized labor, and homeless advocates” 2018 Campaign Committee

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

Item 10: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the “Stand for Jobs, Stop the Vacation Rental Ban. Supported by Share San Diego. Committee Major Funding from Airbnb, Expedia” 2018 Campaign Committee

Motion: Accept Audit Report

Moved/Seconded: Potter/Voorakkara
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Kosmo

Item 11: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Baber adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of October 21, 2021

The results of the closed session meeting of October 21, 2021 are as follows:

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

Case No. 2021-06 – Legal Defense Fund

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

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

Case No. 2021-25 – Misuse of City Position or Resources

Motion: Continued to next meeting
Moved/Seconded: Baber/Voorakkara
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Hebrank/Kosmo

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:17 p.m.

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Bill Baber, Chair
Ethics Commission

Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
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