



**Minutes for Meeting of  
Thursday, May 12, 2022**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

The Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Item 2: Roll Call**

**Present** – Commission Chair Bill Baber, Commission Vice Chair Caridad Sanchez, and Commissioners Tom Hebrank and Jimmie Slack

**Absent** – Commissioners Paul Cooper and Sid Voorakkara

**Staff** – Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Education Program Manager Ryan O’Connor, and Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné

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

Motion: The Ethics Commission will continue to meet virtually as allowed under California Assembly Bill 361, adopting the findings contained in Resolution No. R-2022-396 adopted by the San Diego City Council on April 5, 2022.

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

**Item 4: Approval of Commission Minutes of April 14, 2022**

Motion: Approve Minutes  
Moved/Seconded: Slack/Hebrank  
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously  
Absent: Cooper/ Voorakkara

**Item 5: Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None

**Item 6: Commissioner Comment**

Commissioners Slack and Baber acknowledged the upcoming 100th birthday of former San Diego County Supervisor and City Councilmember Leon Williams and praised him for all of his years of public service.

**Item 7: Executive Director Comment**

The Executive Director reported that she appeared before the City Council on May 10, 2022 to present the Ethics Commission's Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

In Fiscal Year 2022, the Commission's budget was \$1,292,674. In Fiscal Year 2023, the Commission's budget is projected to be \$1,474,773, if approved as proposed by the Mayor. Almost all of the increase (\$170,172 of \$182,099) reflects changes from Citywide salary increases that will take effect July 1, 2022, filling a vacant position, and retirement contributions. The rest of the increase is due to non-discretionary costs that are shared by all City departments. The Commission is budgeted for six positions, with one in the process of being filled.

The Executive Director also reported that she is working with Commission Counsel to determine if the Commission will be meeting in person at its next meeting on June 9, 2022.

**Item 8: General Counsel Comment**

Commission Counsel Christina Cameron reported that her law firm has been assigned to work on the Elections chapter of the Municipal Law Handbook. The handbook is published annually by the League of California Cities, used by public and private attorneys across the state, and includes updates to municipal laws. She reported that she will be working with election attorneys to prepare this year's update.

**Item 9: Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee to Nominate Commission Officers at Commission Meeting of June 9, 2022.**

Commissioner Sid Voorakkara and Commissioner Paul Cooper were appointed to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to nominate Commissioners to serve as officers (Chair and Vice Chair) for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2022. The Committee will present nominations for consideration by the Commission at its next meeting, which is scheduled for June 9, 2022.

This item did not require a vote.

**Item 10: Informational Item – Training Presentation Regarding the Ethics Commission’s Investigative Program and Procedures.**

The Executive Director presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Ethics Commission's Investigative Program, focused on governing law and procedures regarding complaints. The presentation will be posted on the Commission's [website](#) for the public.

**Item 11: Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at approximately 5:48 p.m.

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Bill Baber, Chair  
Ethics Commission

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Sharon Spivak, Executive Director  
Ethics Commission

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