



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, September 8, 2022**

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Caridad Sanchez (arrived at 5:08 p.m.), Commission Vice Chair Paul Cooper, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Tom Hebrank, Jimmie Slack, and Sid Voorakkara

Staff – Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Christina Cameron, 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 voted to approve Ethics Commission Resolution No. 2022-01, incorporating the findings necessary to allow the Commission to meet virtually as allowed under California Assembly Bill 361.

Moved/Seconded: Slack/Voorakkara
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Sanchez

Item 4: Approval of Commission Minutes of June 9, 2022

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

Item 5: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 6: Commissioner Comment

None

Item 7: Executive Director Comment

The Executive Director noted that she gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Ethics Commission and its work at the “Transparency and Ethics in Government” meeting sponsored by the San Diego Diplomacy Council. The event featured representatives from approximately 15 foreign nations who came to the United States to learn about entities and programs involved in promoting ethics and transparency.

The Executive Director also noted that she is working with the Commission’s general counsel to update the Elections Law Chapter of the Municipal Law Handbook, a guide for election attorneys in California.

She noted that Commission staff recently provided a live Ethics Training session for the City’s Historical Resources Board.

The Executive Director also announced that the Commission will be welcoming its new Legislative Program Manager to the staff in late September 2022. This is a new position, bringing the staff size to six employees.

Item 8: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 9: Informational Item

Presentation by City’s Compliance Department Regarding Audit Recommendation to Add City’s Classified Employees to the Ethics Commission’s Jurisdiction

Christiana Gauger, Director of the City’s Compliance Department, provided an overview of a City audit and Audit Committee recommendation to expand the Ethics Commission’s jurisdiction to include the City’s classified employees. Commissioners asked questions about the proposal. The presentation is available at this [link](#) for the public to view.

Item 10: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:28 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of September 8, 2022

The results of the closed session meeting of September 8, 2022 are as follows:

The meeting commenced at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Commission Chair Caridad Sanchez, Vice Chair Paul Cooper, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Tom Hebrank, Jimmie Slack (Commissioner Slack was absent for Item 1), and Sid Voorakkara (Commissioner Voorakkara was absent for Items 3, 4 and 5.)

Staff:

For Items 1, 2, and 3: Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Christina Cameron and Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné

For Item 4: Executive Director Sharon Spivak attended the first portion of the discussion. General Counsel Christina Cameron attended throughout.

For Item 5: Executive Director Sharon Spivak and General Counsel Christina Cameron

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

Case No. 2022-15 – Campaign Activity/Contributions

Motion:	Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded:	Voorakkara/Cooper
Vote:	5-0
Absent:	Slack

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

Case No. 2022-08 – Campaign Contributions

Motion:	Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded:	Hebrank/Slack
Vote:	4-0
Recused:	Baber/Cooper

Item-3: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 matter)

Case No. 2021-11- Disclosure of Economic Interests/Conflicts of Interest

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Hebrank/Slack
Vote: 5-0
Absent: Voorrakara

Item 4: Conference with Labor Negotiator

Government Code section 54957.6
Agency representatives: Chair Caridad Sanchez, Past Chair Bill Baber
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

No reportable action.

Item 5: Public Employee Annual Review

Government Code section 54957
Title: Executive Director

No reportable action.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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Caridad Sanchez, Chair
Ethics Commission

Sharon Spivak, Executive Director
Ethics Commission

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