



**Minutes for Meeting of  
Thursday, October 13, 2022**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

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

**Item 2: Roll Call**

**Present** – Commission Chair Caridad Sanchez, and Commissioners Bill Baber (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), Tom Hebrank, Jimmie Slack, and Sid Voorakkara

**Absent** – Commission Vice Chair Paul Cooper

**Staff** – Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Richard Romero, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez, Legislative Program Manager Megan Curran, Education Program Manager Ryan O’Connor, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

**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: Voorakkara/Slack  
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously  
Absent: Cooper

**Item 4: Approval of Commission Minutes of September 8, 2022**

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

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

None

**Item 6: Commissioner Comment**

Commissioner Baber informed the Commission about an election matter outside of the City of San Diego. He noted that representatives of a committee called Citizens for a Better East County had reached a settlement with the San Diego Democratic Party in a dispute regarding campaign mailers. Commissioner Baber served as the committee’s treasurer and attorney.

**Item 7: Executive Director Comment**

The Executive Director introduced the Commission’s new Legislative Program Manager, Megan Curran, who spoke briefly. Commissioners welcomed her to the staff.

The Executive Director also noted that it is possible Commission meetings could be held in person again as early as November 2022, depending upon technical and legal requirements that must be met.

**Item 8: General Counsel Comment**

None

**Item 9: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the “Whitburn for City Council 2020” Committee**

Motion:	Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded:	Baber/Slack
Roll Call Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cooper

**Item 10: Adjourn to Closed Session**

Commission Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:19 p.m.

**Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of October 13, 2022**

The results of the closed session meeting of October 13, 2022 are as follows:

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

**Case No. 2022-16 – Misuse of City Position or Resources**

Motion: Authorize Investigation  
Moved/Seconded: Hebrank/Voorakkara  
Vote: Carried Unanimously  
Absent: Cooper

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

**Case No. 2022-17 – Solicitation of Contributions from City Employees**

Motion: Authorize Investigation  
Moved/Seconded: Hebrank/Baber  
Vote: Carried Unanimously  
Absent: Cooper

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

**Case No. 2022-20 – Lobbying Activity/Disclosures**

Motion: Authorize Investigation  
Moved/Seconded: Hebrank/Voorakkara  
Vote: Carried Unanimously  
Absent: Cooper

**Item-4: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 matter)**

**Case No. 2022-15 – Campaign Activity/Contributions**

Motion: Dismiss  
Moved/Seconded: Baber/Voorakkara  
Vote: Carried Unanimously  
Absent: Cooper

**Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at approximately 5:43 p.m.

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Caridad Sanchez, Chair  
Ethics Commission

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Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator  
Ethics Commission

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