



**Minutes for the Meeting of
Thursday, January 12, 2023**

Item 1: Call to Order

The Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Caridad Sanchez, 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, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez, Legislative Program Manager Megan Curran, Education Program Manager Ryan O’Connor, and Program Manager of Administration and Training Victoria Velasquez

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 Nos. R-314545 and R-314540 adopted by the San Diego City Council on December 13, 2022 and December 20, 2022.

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

Item 4: Approval of Commission Minutes of December 8, 2022

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

Item 5: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 6: Commissioner Comment

None

Item 7: Executive Director Comment

The Executive Director noted that she and Education Program Manager Ryan O'Connor, assisted by Legislative Program Manager Megan Curran, are in the process of training each City Councilmember and their staffs on the City's Ethics Ordinance. Every office will be trained by early March 2023. She said that staff will also begin offering candidate trainings later this year, as 2024 municipal campaigns are now under way.

The Executive Director also noted that new campaign contribution limits for City candidates will be announced during the first quarter of 2023.

She also noted that the Commission is currently scheduled to return to in-person monthly meetings in March 2023. The City Council is not expected to extend COVID emergency resolutions past February 10, 2023, which provide the legal basis for fully remote Commission meetings. The Commission's next meeting, which is scheduled for February 9, 2023, will be a virtual meeting on Zoom, as that date is included within the Council's current resolution.

Item 8: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 9: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the San Diegans for Midway Revitalization – Yes on E Committee.

Motion: Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded: Cooper/Hebrank
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously

Item 10: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Small Business Recovery Coalition Supporting Joe Leventhal for City Council 2020 sponsored by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Committee.

Motion: Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded: Hebrank/Slack
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously

Item 11: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Leventhal for City Council 2020 Committee.

Motion: Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded: Voorakkara/Slack
Roll Call Vote: Carried Unanimously

Item 12: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:24 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of January 12, 2023

The results of the closed session meeting of January 12, 2023 are as follows:

The meeting commenced at 5:27 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Commission Chair Caridad Sanchez, Commission Vice Chair Paul Cooper, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Jimmie Slack, Tom Hebrank, and Sid Voorakkara

(Note: Commissioners left the meeting during items from which they were recused, as listed for each item below.)

Staff: Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Christina Cameron, and Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné

Item 1: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 matter)

Case No. 2022-10 – Conflict of Interest

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

Item 2: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 matter)

Case No. 2022-08 - Campaign Contributions

No reportable action.

Recused: Baber/Cooper

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

Case No. 2022-30 - Misuse of Resources

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

Item 4: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2022-26 - Campaign Disclosures

No reportable action.
Recused: Baber/Voorakkara

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 6:39 p.m.

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Caridad Sanchez, Chair
Ethics Commission

Victoria Velasquez, Program Manager
Ethics Commission

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