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## *Minutes of the Meeting on February 16, 2016*

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### **OPENING ITEMS**

#### **1. Call to Order.**

Commission President Jessica Levinson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: President Jessica Levinson  
Vice President Serena Oberstein  
Commissioner Ana Dahan  
Commissioner Nathan Hochman  
Commissioner Melinda Murray

Absent: None

#### **2. Approval of minutes for the meeting of October 21, 2015.**

Hochman moved to approve the minutes, and Levinson seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0. Dahan moved to reconsider the item to accommodate public comment, and Hochman seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

Hochman moved again to approve the minutes, and Levinson seconded. The minutes were again approved 5-0.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **3. Recommended regular meeting schedule for 2016.**

Staff recommended a regular meeting schedule and identified specific dates for the remainder of 2016.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

Action: Hochman moved to adopt the recommended schedule, and Murray seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **4. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2015-05, *In the Matter of Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy* (alleged inaccurate lobbying quarterly reporting).**

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$30,000 for failing to properly report lobbying activities.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

Action: Hochman moved to approve the stipulated order, and Levinson seconded. The order was approved 5-0.

**5. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2016-02, *In the Matter of Hospital Association of Southern California* (alleged inaccurate lobbying quarterly reporting).**

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$17,500 for failing to properly report lobbying activities.

Public comment was received from Genevieve Clavreul.

Action: Hochman moved to approve the stipulated order, and Levinson seconded. The order was approved 5-0.

**6. Selection of hearing officers in Case No. 2015-02, *In the Matter of Lewis James Parker III* (alleged disclosure of confidential information and misuse of City position to create a private advantage).**

Staff recommended selecting an administrative hearing officer from one of the four options authorized by the Los Angeles Administrative Code and, if necessary, to also select a preliminary hearing officer.

Public comment was received from Lawrence Hanna and Eric Preven.

Action: Dahan moved to select an outside entity to provide an individual hearing officer and preliminary hearing officer, and Oberstein seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

**7. Public hearing regarding amended conflict of interests code for the Ethics Commission.**

A public hearing was requested and held. Staff recommended approving amendments to the Ethics Commission's conflict of interests code, to accurately reflect staffing changes and incorporate standardized language.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

Action: Levinson moved to approve the amended conflict of interests code, and Hochman seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

**8. Improvements to Forms 55 and 56.**

Staff recommended adopting a resolution updating Forms 55 and 56, to incorporate organizational improvements that clarify reporting requirements for certain City bidders and underwriters.

No public comment was received.

Action: Levinson moved to adopt the resolution approving the new forms, and Hochman seconded. The resolution was adopted 5-0.

**9. CPI adjustments to contribution limits in LAUSD elections.**

Staff presented its review of contribution limits in LAUSD elections, as required by City Charter § 803(c), and recommended adjusting the limits to reflect changes in the CPI since the last adjustment in 2012.

No public comment was received.

Action: Levinson moved to recommend adjusting the LAUSD contribution limits to reflect changes in the CPI, and Oberstein seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**10. Election update (2017 regular elections).**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**11. Recusal report (3rd and 4th Quarters 2015).**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**12. Review of recusals by William Funderburk, a member of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**13. Lobbying report (3rd Quarter 2015).**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**14. Overview of lobbying laws.**

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Bradley Hertz.

**15. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**16. Policy and legislation report.**

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

**17. Executive director's report.**

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

**CLOSING ITEMS**

**18. General public comment.**

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

**19. Announcements and requests to schedule items on future agendas.**

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

**20. Adjournment.**

Levinson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Hochman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m., by a vote of 5-0.

*A complete recording of this meeting, excluding closed sessions, is on file as a public record and may be accessed at [ethics.lacity.org](http://ethics.lacity.org).*