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## *Minutes of the Meeting on April 19, 2016*

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### **OPENING ITEMS**

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

Commission President Jessica Levinson called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Present: President Jessica Levinson  
Commissioner Nathan Hochman  
Commissioner Melinda Murray

Absent: Vice President Serena Oberstein  
Commissioner Ana Dahan

#### **2. Approval of minutes for the meeting of February 16, 2016.**

Hochman moved to approve the minutes, and Murray seconded. The minutes were approved 3-0.

No public comment was received.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **3. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2016-05, *In the Matter of Christopher Cooper* (alleged misuse of City position and engagement in outside employment on City time).**

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$5,000 for misusing a City position and engaging in outside employment on City time.

No public comment was received.

Action: Levinson moved to approve the stipulated order, and Murray seconded. The order was approved 3-0.

#### **4. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2016-10, *In the Matter of Richard J. Riordan* (alleged failures to include disclaimer on independent expenditure communications).**

Hochman recused himself from participating in this matter.

No public comment was received.

Action: The matter was continued to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

**5. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2016-11, *In the Matter of Dominick W. Rubalcava* (alleged failures to properly report lobbying activity).**

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$15,000 for failing to properly report lobbying activities.

No public comment was received.

Action: Hochman moved to approve the stipulated order, and Murray seconded. The order was approved 3-0.

**6. Amendments to the City's ticket policy.**

Staff recommended technical amendments to the City's ticket policy, to reflect recent changes in state law.

No public comment was received.

Action: Levinson moved to approve the amendments, and Hochman seconded. The motion was adopted 3-0.

**7. Review of recusals by Alana Yañez, a member of the Board of Animal Services Commissioners.**

Staff provided an analysis of the financial interests that led to a recusal review for Commissioner Yañez under Charter § 707. Staff recommended against a finding that the conflict is significant and continuing.

Public comment was received from Phyllis Daugherty.

Action: Hochman moved to adopt a resolution finding that a significant and continuing conflict does not exist as this time, and Levinson seconded. The resolution was adopted 3-0.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**8. Review of recusals by Edward Renwick, a member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

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

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**10. Lobbying report (4th Quarter 2015).**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

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

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**12. Policy and legislation report.**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**13. Executive director's report.**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**CLOSING ITEMS**

**14. General public comment.**

No public comment was received.

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

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

**16. Adjournment.**

Levinson adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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