Minutes of the Meeting on April 19, 2016

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.

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.


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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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