
Minutes of the Meeting on April 18, 2017

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order.

Commission President Jessica Levinson called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Present: President Jessica Levinson
Vice President Serena Oberstein
Commissioner Araceli Campos
Commissioner Melinda Murray
Commissioner Andrea Sheridan Ordin

Absent: None

2. Approval of minutes for the meeting on February 21, 2017.

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

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

3. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

No neighborhood council resolution or community impact statement was submitted or discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2016-06, *In the Matter of Dr. Feliciano Serrano* (alleged failure to maintain independent expenditure records, submit political communications, and include required disclaimers).

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$15,000 for failing to maintain records regarding independent expenditure communications, failing to file copies of independent expenditure communications, and failing to include required disclaimer language in independent expenditure communications.

No public comment was received.

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

5. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2016-01, *In the Matter of Leeor Maciborski* (alleged excess campaign contributions).

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$17,000 for exceeding the per-person contribution limit through aggregated contributions by limited liability companies (LLCs) and causing those LLCs to violate the contribution limit.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

Action: Oberstein moved to approve the order, and Ordin seconded. The order was approved 4-1, with Levinson dissenting.

6. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2015-09, *In the Matter of Jimmy Blackman* (alleged violation of revolving door restrictions).

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$22,500 for receiving compensation to attempt to influence City action less than one year after leaving City service.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

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

7. Review of recusals by William Funderburk, the vice president of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

Staff provided an analysis of the financial interests that led to a Charter § 707 recusal review for Vice President Funderburk. Staff recommended finding that the conflict is not significant and continuing at this time.

No public comment was received.

Action: Levinson moved to adopt a resolution finding that a significant and continuing conflict does not exist as this time, and Oberstein seconded. The resolution was adopted 5-0.

8. Review of recusals by Mel Levine, the president of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

Murray recused herself and left the room at 10:20 a.m.

Staff provided an analysis of the financial interests that led to a Charter § 707 recusal review for President Levine. Staff recommended finding that the conflict is not significant and continuing at this time.

No public comment was received.

Action: Levinson moved to adopt a resolution finding that a significant and continuing conflict does not exist at this time, and Ordin seconded. The resolution was adopted 4-0.

Murray returned to the room at 10:21 a.m.

9. Updates to the enforcement regulations.

Staff recommended changes to the enforcement regulations to codify best practices.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven and Bradley Hertz.

Action: Levinson moved to approve the recommended amendments to the enforcement regulations, and Murray seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Determination regarding the sufficiency of the matching funds trust fund for the 2017 regular general elections.

Staff recommended adopting a resolution determining that qualified participating candidates are eligible to receive 100 percent of the maximum matching funds available under Los Angeles Municipal Code § 49.7.29(B).

No public comment was received.

Action: Levinson moved to adopt the resolution, and Oberstein seconded. The resolution was adopted 5-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Election update (2017 regular elections).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

12. Lobbying report (4th Quarter 2016).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

13. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

14. Policy and legislation report.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

15. Executive Director's report.

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Antonia Ramirez.

CLOSING ITEMS

16. General public comment.

No general public comment was received.

17. Announcements and requests to schedule items on future agendas.

Ordin requested that commissioners provide staff with input regarding enforcement penalties, and Levinson requested a report back on enforcement procedures at the next meeting.

18. Adjournment.

Levinson adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

A complete recording of this meeting, excluding closed sessions, is on file as a public record and may be accessed at ethics.lacity.org.