
Minutes of the Meeting on April 24, 2018

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 20, 2018.

Overstein moved to approve the minutes, and Ordin seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0.

3. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

No neighborhood council resolutions or community impact statements were submitted or discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Review of key campaign finance laws, including contributions, disclosure, and the matching funds program.

Staff presented data, public comment, and analysis for eight decision points. The commissioners asked staff to present at the next meeting additional data and language to implement the two approved motions, a possible increase in the contribution threshold for matching funds candidates, a possible increase in maximum public funding for qualified matching funds candidates, and a consolidated contributor certification.

Public comment was received from Nicholas Greif and Eric Preven.

Action: Levinson moved to reduce to 100 the number of in-district contributions required to qualify for the matching funds program, and Oberstein seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Levinson moved to modify the debate requirement for matching funds candidates to permit townhall meetings in addition to or instead of debates, and Oberstein seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Amended professional services agreement with Veronica Ann Stocker.

Staff recommended adopting a resolution to approve and authorize the executive director to execute the Third Amended and Restated Professional Services Agreement with Veronica Ann Stocker, to maintain the Ethics Commission's ability to obtain interpreter and translation services.

No public comment was received.

Action: Ordin moved to adopt a resolution approving authorizing the executive director to execute the professional services agreement, and Oberstein seconded. The resolution was adopted 5-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Review of recusals by Victor Sampson, the vice president of the North Valley Area Planning Commission.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

7. Review of recusals by Gabriel L. Eshaghian, a member of the Board of Airport Commissioners.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

8. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

9. Policy and legislation report.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

10. Executive director's report.

Staff accomplishments in the first quarter of the year were highlighted. The commissioners offered to assist with upcoming budget hearings.

No public comment was received.

CLOSING ITEMS

11. General public comment.

No general public comment was received.

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

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

13. Adjournment.

Levinson adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

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