
Minutes of the Meeting on October 16, 2018

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order.

Oberstein called the Ethics Commission meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Present: President Serena Oberstein
Commissioner Araceli Campos
Commissioner Shedrick Davis
Commissioner Andrea Sheridan Ordin

Absent: Vice President Melinda Murray

2. Approval of minutes for the meeting on August 21, 2018.

Davis moved to approve the minutes, and Campos seconded. The minutes were approved 3-0.

3. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

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

ACTION ITEMS

[The action items were considered after Items 7 through 10.]

4. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2018-03, *In the Matter of Jose Flores* (alleged misuse of City position).

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$16,705.

No public comment was received.

Action: Oberstein moved to approve the proposed stipulation, and Ordin seconded. The stipulation was approved 3-1, with Campos voting against.

5. Selection of hearing officers in Case No. 2016-08, *In the Matter of Eugene Day* (alleged misuse of City position and unauthorized outside employment).

Staff presented the four options available for selecting hearing officers in this case, as required by the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

Public comment was received from Bradley Hertz.

Action: Oberstein moved to select an outside hearing officer (option C.2.1 in the report), and Ordin seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Review of recusals by Mel Levine, the 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 President Levine and recommended a determination that the conflict is not significant at this time.

No public comment was received.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

[Items 7 through 10 were considered prior to the action items.]

7. Review of recusals by Aura Vasquez, a member of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

Staff provided an analysis of Commissioner Vasquez's recusals, which did not result from financial interests.

No public comment was received.

8. Election update (2019 LAUSD special election and 2020 City regular election).

Staff provided an update on candidates and campaign data for the 2019 and 2020 elections.

No public comment was received.

9. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

Staff identified the pre-confirmation statements of economic interests that were filed by nominees and submitted to the City Council since the previous Ethics Commission meeting.

No public comment was received.

10. Policy and legislation report.

Staff provided an update on the status of existing legislative and policy projects and an anticipated time line for upcoming projects.

No public comment was received.

11. Executive director's report.

The executive director provided a status update on budget, staffing, and other program issues.

No public comment was received.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

The Ethics Commission may recess to closed session, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), to confer with its legal counsel relative to the case entitled *Lewis James Parker et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS166739.

[Item 12 was considered after Item 13.]

There was no action to report following the closed session.

CLOSING ITEMS

13. General public comment.

[Item 13 was considered before Item 12.]

Public comment was received from Carolina Goodman.

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

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

15. Adjournment.

Campos moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ordin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m. by a vote of 4-0.

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