
Minutes of the Meeting on December 18, 2018

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order.

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

Present: Vice President Melinda Murray
Commissioner Araceli Campos
Commissioner Shedrick Davis
Commissioner Andrea Sheridan Ordin

Absent: None

2. Election of president and vice president for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2018-19, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter sections 700(b) and 503(a).

Murray noted that former President Serena Oberstein had resigned and thanked her for her service. Ordin nominated Murray for president, and Davis seconded. Murray was elected 4-0. Murray nominated Ordin for vice president, and Davis seconded. Ordin was elected 4-0.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven and Rob Quan.

3. Approval of minutes for the meeting on October 16, 2018.

Campos moved to approve the minutes, and Ordin seconded. The minutes were approved 4-0.

4. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

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

ACTION ITEMS

5. Updates to election filing deadlines, in light of the new even-year election schedule.

Staff recommended technical changes to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to maintain the current disclosure schedule.

No public comment was received.

Action: Davis moved to approve the recommended changes, and Ordin seconded. The recommendations were approved 4-0.

6. Updates to bidder disclosure requirements, to facilitate electronic submissions.

Staff recommended changes to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to clarify that departments may accept the electronic submission of disclosure forms required of bidders.

No public comment was received.

Action: Ordin moved to approve the recommended changes, and Campos seconded. The recommendations were approved 4-0.

7. Regular meeting schedule for 2019.

Staff recommended a regular meeting schedule for 2019.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

Action: Campos moved to approve the recommended meeting schedule, and Ordin seconded. The schedule was approved 4-0. On advice from the City Attorney's office, the vote was taken again, following public comment, and the schedule was again approved 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Review of recusals by Michael Newhouse, President of the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission.

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

No public comment was received.

9. 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.

10. Lobbying summary (3rd quarter 2018).

Staff provided a summary of lobbying activity reported for the third quarter of 2018.

No public comment was received.

11. Recusal summary (3rd quarter 2018).

Staff provided a summary of recusal reports received in the third quarter of 2018.

No public comment was received.

12. 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.

13. 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.

Public comment was received from Trent Lange, Jacqi Inouye, Rob Quan, Jill Stewart, Carolina Goodman, Kiyana Asemanfar, and Kathay Feng.

14. Executive director's report.

The executive director provided a status update on budget, staffing, and other program areas and welcomed Richard Platel, the new Director of Enforcement.

Public comment was received from Rob Quan.

CLOSING ITEMS

15. General public comment.

Public comment was received from Trent Lange, Rob Quan, and Jill Stewart.

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

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

17. Adjournment.

Campos moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ordin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 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.