
Minutes of the Meeting on June 25, 2019

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order.

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

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

Absent: None

2. Approval of minutes for the meeting on April 16, 2019.

Ordin moved to approve the minutes, and Campos seconded. The minutes were approved 4-0. Public comment was received from Eric Preven following the first vote, and a second vote was taken. The minutes were again approved 4-0.

3. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

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

Public comment was received from William Kuzmin and Eric Preven.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Stipulation, Waiver, and Consent related to findings and penalty in Case No. 2016-08, *In the Matter of Eugene A. Day* (alleged misuse of City position and unauthorized outside employment).

Staff presented a Stipulation, Waiver, and Consent, through which the respondent stipulated to factual representations. Staff explained that the commissioners were being asked to make findings regarding whether violations occurred and, if so, to determine an appropriate penalty.

Public comment was received from Eugene Day and Eric Preven.

Actions: Davis moved to approve the Stipulation, Waiver, and Consent, and Ordin seconded. The Stipulation, Waiver, and Consent was approved 4-0.

Ordin moved to find that, based on the stipulated facts, Day violated Los Angeles Municipal Code §§ 49.5.5(A), as presented in Count 1, and 49.5.9(B)(1), as presented in Count 2. Davis seconded, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Davis moved to impose a penalty of \$143,692.50 for Count 1 and \$2,500 for Count 2, but the motion was not seconded.

Ordin moved to impose a penalty of \$95,795 for Count 1 and \$5,000 for Count 2, and Davis seconded. The motion was approved 3-1, with Campos voting no.

Campos moved to approve a payment plan, under which Day would be required to pay the total penalty of \$100,795 through 12 payments of \$8,399.59 each, beginning July 16, 2019, and ending June 16, 2020. Ordin seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

5. Review of recusals by Anthony Pirozzi, Jr., a member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Staff provided an analysis of the financial interests that led to a Charter § 707 recusal review for Commissioner Pirozzi and recommended finding 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 Campos seconded. The resolution was adopted 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Review of recusals by Lucia Moreno-Linares, a member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

7. Election Update (special 2019 City and LAUSD elections and regular 2020 City and LAUSD elections).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

8. Lobbying Summary (1st quarter 2019).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

9. Recusal Summary (1st quarter 2019).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

10. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

11. Policy and legislation update.

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.

12. Executive director's report.

The executive director provided an update on administrative developments, including the addition of five new staff positions in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

No public comment was received.

CLOSING ITEMS

13. General public comment.

General public comment was received from William Kuzmin.

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

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

15. Adjournment.

Ordin moved to adjourn the meeting, and Murray seconded. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 4-0 at 11:07 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.