
Minutes of the Meeting on August 20, 2019

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order.

Murray called the Ethics Commission meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

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

Absent: None

2. Election of president and vice president for Fiscal Year 2019-20, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter sections 503(a) and 700(b).

Davis nominated Murray for president, and Ordin seconded. Murray was elected 4-0. Davis nominated Ordin for vice president, and Murray seconded. Ordin was elected 4-0.

3. Approval of minutes for the meeting on June 25, 2019.

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. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2017-02, *In the Matter of Michael LoGrande* (alleged revolving door violations).

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$281,250.

No public comment was received.

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

6. Review of recusals by Kenneth E. Buzzell, a member of the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners.

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

7. Review of recusals by R. Douglas Collins, the chair of the Employee Relations Board.

Staff provided an analysis of the financial interests that led to a Charter § 707 recusal review for Chair Collins 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.

8. Proposed updates to ticket policy.

Staff recommended updating the regulations that house the City's ticket policy, to reflect recent changes in state law.

No public comment was received.

Action: Campos moved to adopt the recommended updates, and Ordin seconded. The updates were adopted 4-0.

9. Professional services agreement for court reporting services.

Staff recommended approving a professional services agreement with Kennedy Court Reports, Inc., with payments by the City not to exceed \$20,000 and an expiration date of May 8, 2020.

No public comment was received.

Action: Ordin moved to adopt a resolution approving the agreement and authorizing the executive director to execute it, and Davis seconded. The resolution was adopted 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Staff provided an update on information reported to date by candidates and others participating in the 2019 and 2020 City and Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education elections.

No public comment was received.

11. Recusal Summary (2nd quarter 2019).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

12. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

13. Policy and legislation update.

Staff provided an update on the status of existing legislative and policy projects and responded to questions from the commissioners.

No public comment was received.

14. Executive director's report.

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

No public comment was received.

CLOSING ITEMS

15. General public comment.

No general public comment was received.

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

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

17. Adjournment.

Ordin moved to adjourn the meeting, and Campos seconded. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 4-0 at 10:12 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.