
Minutes of the Meeting on February 16, 2022

OPENING ITEMS

Davis shared instructions for listening to and providing public comment during the meeting.

1. Call to Order.

Davis called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Present: President Shedrick Davis
Vice President Jeffery Daar
Commissioner Laura Genao
Commissioner Manjusha Kulkarni
Commissioner Melinda Murray

2. Multiple agenda item comment.

Jeanie York provided general public comment and comment on Item 14. Eric Preven provided general public comment and comment on Items 6, 7, and 10. Rob Quan provided general public comment and comment on Items 6, 7, 8, and 14.

3. Approval of minutes for the meetings on December 15, 2021; January 12, 2022; and February 2, 2022.

Daar moved to approve the minutes for December 15, 2021, and Kulkarni seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0.

Genao moved to approve the minutes for January 12, 2022, and Daar seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0, with Murray abstaining.

Kulkarni moved to approve the minutes for February 2, 2022, and Daar seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0, with Genao and Murray abstaining.

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. 2021-07, *In the Matter of Keith Giles* (alleged misuse of City position).

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties totaling \$5,000.

Action: Murray moved to approve the stipulation, and Genao seconded. The stipulation was approved 5-0.

6. Selection of hearing officers in Case No. 2020-14, *In the Matter of Mitchell Englander* (alleged misuse of City position, acceptance of excess gifts, and failure to disclose gifts).

Staff explained that this case must be sent to an administrative hearing and that the commissioners must select hearing officers for that purpose. Staff identified the options for hearing officers. Gary Winuk, attorney for the respondent, provided public comment.

Action: Genao moved to refer the case to an administrative law judge through the state's Office of Administrative Hearings, and Murray seconded. The motion passed 4-1, with Daar opposing.

7. Review of recusals by Mia Lehrer, a member of the Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

Staff provided an analysis of the financial interests that led to a Charter § 707 recusal review for Commissioner Lehrer and recommended finding that the conflict is not significant and continuing at this time.

Action: Daar moved to adopt a resolution finding that a significant and continuing conflict does not exist at this time, and Kulkarni seconded. The resolution was adopted 5-0.

8. Regular meeting schedule.

Staff presented options for changing the start time for regular commission meetings.

Action: Daar moved to change regular meeting start times to 12:00 p.m. on the dates previously adopted for 2022, and Murray seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Findings to continue teleconference meetings pursuant to AB 361.

Staff recommended determinations in compliance with AB 361 to continue teleconference meetings.

Action: Genao moved to approve the recommended determinations, and Kulkarni seconded. The determinations were adopted 5-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Behested summary (July 1–December 31, 2021).

Staff summarized the behested data disclosed in the second half of 2021.

11. Election update (regular 2022 City and LAUSD elections).

Staff summarized information reported to date for the 2022 elections.

12. Recusal summary (4th quarter 2021).

Staff summarized recusal reports filed by commissioners in the fourth quarter of 2021.

13. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

Staff summarized pre-confirmation statements of economic interests submitted since the last meeting.

14. Policy and legislation update.

Staff provided an update on policy and legislative developments since the last meeting.

15. Executive director's report.

The Executive Director noted staffing changes and workloads for this quarter.

CLOSING ITEMS

16. Commissioner announcements and requests to schedule items on future agendas.

No announcements or requests were made.

17. Adjournment.

Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:48 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.