
Minutes of the Meeting on August 18, 2020

OPENING ITEMS

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

1. Call to Order.

Murray called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Present: President Melinda Murray
Vice President Andrea Sheridan Ordin
Commissioner Jeffery Daar
Commissioner Shedrick Davis
Commissioner Laura Genao

2. Multiple agenda item comment.

Public comment was provided by Zach from West Hills regarding Items 2 and 14; from Pilar Chiavo regarding Item 14; from Catherine Tyresfield regarding Item 14; and from Rob Quan regarding Items 2, 9, and 12.

3. Election of president and vice president for Fiscal Year 2020-21, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter sections 503(a) and 700(b).

Davis moved to elect Murray as president, and Ordin seconded. Murray was elected 5-0. Ordin moved to elect Davis as vice president, and Murray seconded. Davis was elected 5-0.

4. Approval of minutes for the meeting on June 23, 2020.

Daar moved to approve the minutes, and Ordin seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0.

5. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

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

ACTION ITEMS

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 finding that the conflict is not significant at this time.

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

7. Review of recusals by Edward Renwick, the vice president of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

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

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Election update (regular 2020 and 2022 City and LAUSD elections).

The staff report was received and filed.

9. Lobbying summary (2nd quarter 2020).

Staff highlighted lobbying activity that was reported for the first quarter of 2020.

10. Recusal summary (2nd quarter 2020).

The staff report was received and filed.

11. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

The staff report was received and filed.

12. Policy and legislation update.

Staff highlighted upcoming policy matters for commission consideration.

13. Executive director's report.

The executive director highlighted recent and upcoming work regarding elections and publications and responded to questions regarding the commission's enforcement processes. Ordin requested a future discussion regarding how elections affect those processes.

CLOSING ITEMS

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

Murray explained that City law limits executive directors to 10-year terms, noted that the current executive director's 10-year term will be completed in January, and said that she was appointing herself and Davis to serve as an ad hoc hiring subcommittee. The subcommittee will work with the Personnel Department to conduct the search process, interview candidates, and make hiring recommendations to the entire commission in closed session. Daar requested a status update at the October meeting. Murray said the subcommittee will report in October and, ideally, the commission will be able to vote on the next executive director in December.

15. Adjournment.

Ordin moved to adjourn, and Genao seconded. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 5-0 at 10:20 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.