

BOARD OF ETHICS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021, 5 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Nelson, Vice Chair Stahovich, Members Foley, Ford, Huerta, Newman, and Vega

ABSENT: Members Graham and Keen

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo and Brandon Mercer

Chair Nelson convened the Board of Ethics meeting at 5:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to speak.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Stahovich and seconded by Member Foley nominating Member Nelson for Chair. There were no further nominations. The Board unanimously elected Member Nelson as Chair.

Chair Nelson assumed the Chair and presided.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Foley and seconded by Member Vega nominating Member Stahovich for Vice Chair. There were no further nominations. The Board unanimously elected Member Stahovich as Vice Chair.

MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Stahovich and seconded by Foley to approve the minutes of March 4, 2021, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND DECISION FOR MIRAMONTES V. PLASCENCIA - MARCH 4, 2021

Following discussion, it was moved by Panel Member Stahovich and seconded by Panel Member Ford to amend the Statement of Findings and Decision for Miramontes v. Plascencia Code of Ethics and Conduct complaint as follows:

"The Board of Ethics Hearing Panel indicated the allegation as it stands may have been a violation of Core Values of the Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78.050. The Board of Ethic Hearing Panel can only hear allegations of violations of Prohibited Conduct under Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.060."

The motion carried with Hearing Panel Members Stahovich, Nelson, Huerta, and Ford voting aye.

DISCUSSION ON HEARING PANEL APPEAL AND CONTINUANCE TIMELINES

There was nothing to report by Board Members at this time.

DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO PRESENT ROLE OF BOARD OF ETHICS AT ANNUAL BOARD/COMMISSION ORIENTATION

Following discussion, motion was made by Vice Chair Stahovich and seconded by Member Foley for Vice Chair Stahovich to attend with Member Huerta to present the role of Board of Ethics at the annual board/commission orientation. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON INCLUSIVENESS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

There was nothing to report on Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee and City Council actions.

REPORT OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES BY BOARD MEMBERS

There was nothing to report on meetings and activities by Board Members.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.78 CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT AND CHAPTER 2.80 BOARD OF ETHICS

There were no comments on Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78 Code of Ethics and Conduct and Chapter 2.80 Board of Ethics.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS

There were no items requested for future Board of Ethics meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



EVA ARSEO  
Interim City Clerk