

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025, 5 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Vega, Vice Chair Newman, and Members DeHerrera, Foreman, and Hernandez

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Rahman Gerren and Eva Arseo

Chair Vega called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION

The introduction of Board member Danielle Kilchenstein was moved to the May 1, 2025, meeting.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Foreman and seconded by Member DeHerrera to nominate Vice Chair Newman as Chair.

Following further discussion, a substitute motion was made by Member Hernandez and seconded by Chair Vega to nominate Chair Vega as Chair.

The original motion to nominate Vice Chair Newman as Chair carried with Members DeHerrera, Foreman, and Chair Vega voting aye, Member Hernandez voting no and Vice Chair Newman abstaining.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Chair Newman and seconded by Member Foreman to nominate Member Hernandez as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one wishing to address the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Chair Newman and seconded by Member Foreman to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2025, were approved as presented.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ESTABLISH AD HOC COMMITTEES FOR 2025 WORKPLAN

The item to establish ad hoc committees for 2025 Workplan was moved to the May 1, 2025, Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

BRIEF REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBER

Vice Chair Hernandez reported that he attended The Group at Civil Rights Foundation and the Mayor's Multi-cultural Forum meetings.

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

RESEARCHING SUBPOENA POWER AND AUTHORITY TO COMPEL CITY EMPLOYEE/REPRESENTATIVE TO APPEAR AS WITNESS FOR BOARD OF ETHICS HEARINGS UPDATE

Member Vega reported that the ad hoc committee contacted the Board of Ethics (BOE) in San Diego, Oakland, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Jose and these cities advised that it is a must for the BOE to have autonomy.

CREATING METHOD FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

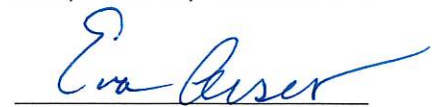
Vice Chair Newman reported that the Committee is working on (1) creating videos; (2) a website; and (3) reviewing Code of Ethics complaint form question 6.

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

The Board requested a (1) presentation from the City Attorney's Office regarding term limits for Board of Ethics members and autonomy; and (2) review of Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.07(D)(5) regarding when policies are established as required on the Code of Ethics complaint form question 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



EVA ARSEO

Assistant City Clerk