



City of Riverside

Board of Ethics

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City of Arts & Innovation

Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023
Publication Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2023

5:00 PM

City Hall - Art Pick Council Chamber
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5 P.M.

CHAIR CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the CONSENT CALENDAR are considered routine by the Board of Ethics and may be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless, before the Board of Ethics votes on the motion to adopt, Members of the Board of Ethics or staff, request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Removed consent items will be discussed immediately after adoption of the balance of the Consent Calendar.

- 2 Minutes of November 2, 2023

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

- 3 Statement of Findings and Decision of November 2, 2023, pre-conference regarding Code of Ethics and Conduct complaint by Ben Clymer, Jr., against Councilmember Cervantes

Attachments: [Statement of Findings](#)

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

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- 4 Determine the absence of Member Garcia from the November 2, 2023, meeting as excused or unexcused

Attachments: [Report](#)

PRE-CONFERENCE

- 5 Pre-conference - Code of Ethics and Conduct amended complaint filed by Ben Clymer, Jr., against Councilmember Cervantes

Chair Newman

- Attachments: [Report](#)
[Amended Complaint](#)
[RMC 2.78 and 2.80 Code of Ethics and Conduct](#)
[Hearing Rules and Procedures](#)

- 6 Authority and conditions for use of outside legal counsel in lieu of the City Attorney to advise the Board of Ethics

Brandon Mercer, Senior Deputy City Attorney

- Attachments: [Report](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

- 7 Ad hoc committee updates:
 - a. Establishing Legal panel for complaints (Vice Chair Vega and Member Dr. Benson)
 - b. Creating template for Statements of Findings and Decision (Members Foreman and Foley)
 - c. Creating method for public education (Members DeMont and Chair Newman)
- 8 Brief reports on meetings attended by Board Member
- 9 Items for future Board consideration as requested by Board of Ethics Members. Only items that fall within the powers and duties of the Board as set forth in the City Charter and/or the Riverside Municipal Code will be agendized for future discussion.

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The next Board of Ethics meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 5 p.m.

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