

# City of Riverside Board of Ethics

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City of Arts & Innovation

# **Agenda**

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 2, 2021
Publication Date: Friday, November 19, 2021

5:00 PM

City Hall - Art Pick Council Chamber 3900 Main Street, Riverside View Live Webcast at www.RiversideCA.gov/Meeting or www.WatchRiverside.com

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Meeting ID: 926 9699 1265

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Time is limited to 3 minutes.

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CHAIR CALLS MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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#### PRESENTATION

2 Code of Ethics and Conduct Complaint Hearing Panel Pre-Hearing Conference training on role of the Chair

Susan Wilson, Assistant City Attorney

Attachments: Presentation

#### 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.

3 Minutes of November 4, 2021

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Minutes</u>

## **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

This portion of the agenda is for all matters where staff and public participation is anticipated. Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.

- 4 Excuse absences of Members Foley and Keen from November 4, 2021, meeting
- 5 Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78 Code of Ethics and Conduct and Chapter 2.80 Board of Ethics review and recommendations

Attachments: RMC 2.78 Code of Ethics

RMC 2.80 Board of Ethics

6 Board of Ethics Standing Rules review

Keith Nelson, Chair

Attachments: Standing Rules

7 Staff's role in Board of Ethics meeting and complaint processes

Dave Stahovich, Vice Chair

Review appeal filed by complainant Selma Kelly to City Council regarding Board of Ethics decision not finding a violation of prohibited conduct regarding Code of Ethics and Conduct Complaint filed against Councilmembers Cervantes and Fierro, Mayor Pro Tem Plascencia and Mayor Lock

Attachments: Appeal

- 9 City issued identification badges and email addresses
- Authority and conditions for use of outside legal counsel in lieu of the City Attorney to advise the Board of Ethics

Susan Wilson, Assistant City Attorney

Attachments: Report

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

11 Report on Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee and City Council actions

Keith Nelson, Chair

12 Report of meetings and activities by Board Members

Keith Nelson, Chair

13 Items for future Board consideration as requested by Board of Ethics Members

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Master Calendar</u>

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The next Board of Ethics meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2022 at 5 p.m., in the Art Pick Council Chamber

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