

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021, 5 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo and Brandon Mercer

Chair Nelson convened the Board of Ethics meeting at 5:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to speak.

MINUTES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Vega and seconded by Member Newman to approve the revised minutes of December 3, 2020, as presented. The motion carried with Chair Nelson, Members Ford, Graham, Newman, and Vega voting aye, and Vice Chair Stahovich and Member Huerta abstained, and Members Foley and Keen absent.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENCE

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Vega and seconded by Member Newman to excuse the absence of Vice Chair Stahovich from the meeting of December 3, 2020. The motion carried with Vice Chair Stahovich and Member Huerta abstaining, and Members Foley and Keen absent.

Member Foley joined the meeting at this time.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT ON VALIDATION PROCESS FOR APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO VET POLICY PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENT OF COMPLAINT AFTER FILING

Following discussion, Chair Nelson re-appointed Member Huerta to the Ad Hoc committee. No formal action was taken.

Member Keen joined the meeting at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL ON SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Huerta and seconded by Vice Chair Stahovich to amend Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.080 to include ability for the Board of Ethics to make recommendations to the City Council regarding sanctions. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chair Nelson reported that Councilmember Melendrez requested a meeting with the Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee to address Hearing Panel issues of communications including the referral for the de novo hearing process.

REPORT OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES BY BOARD MEMBERS

Member Foley reported that Anti-Racist Riverside requested a presentation on the process for filing Code of Ethics complaints.

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

Chair Nelson requested (1) standardized training packets and outreach material with branding, (2) a workshop on appeal process on Code of Ethics and Conduct and (3) an explanation on how items are added to the City Council agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant City Clerk