

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021, 5 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Members Keen and Huerta

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo, Lorena Verdusco, and Brandon Mercer

Chair Nelson convened the Board of Ethics meeting at 5:08 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 Vice Chair Stahovich and seconded by Member Foley to approve the minutes of January 7, 2021, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENCE

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Stahovich and seconded by Member Foley to excuse the absence of Member Huerta from the meeting of December 3, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The report on the validation process for appointed and elected officials to vet policy proposals and amendment of complaint after filing was not held.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING ADDING ITEMS TO CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Following discussion, Chair Nelson requested members of the Board review the Riverside Sunshine Ordinance provisions relating to adding items to City Council agenda for further discussion at a future meeting. No formal action was taken.

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

Chair Nelson requested staff to coordinate a meeting with the Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee to review the hearing and appeal process.

REPORT OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES BY BOARD MEMBERS

Member Foley reported on a Code of Ethics and Conduct presentation.

Member Vega joined the meeting during the following item.

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

Following discussion, the Board requested review of the continuance procedure and communications to the hearing panel for Code of Ethics complaints at a future Board of Ethics meeting. No formal action was taken.

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

Chair Nelson requested (1) the Board review the Code of Ethics and Conduct online materials, training, and guidelines for future discussion; and (2) a brief review of how to conduct hearings, objections, and the role of the Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENA VERDUSCO
Deputy City Clerk