

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021, 5 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Member Foley

STAFF PRESENT: Donesia Gause and Brandon Mercer

Chair Nelson convened the Board of Ethics meeting at 5:02 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 Newman and seconded by Member Stahovich to approve the minutes of May 6, 2021, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Keen joined the meeting at this time.

ALLOTTA V PLASCENCIA COMPLAINT UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Huerta and seconded by Member Keen to authorize Vice Chair Stahovich and Member Newman to represent the Board of Ethics at the City Council meeting on June 22, 2021, regarding the Allotta sanctions. The motion carried unanimously.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.78 CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT ANNUAL REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RECEIVED TO DATE

There were no comments on Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78 Code of Ethics and Conduct annual review recommendations and comments from Boards and Commissions received to date.

WAIVER OF SUNSHINE ORDINANCE - DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDED STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND DECISION FOR HUNTER V. PLASCENCIA COMPLAINT HEARING OF APRIL 14, 2021 - CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF ETHICS CHAIR TO PRESENT STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND DECISION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Stahovich and seconded by Member Huerta to waive the Sunshine Ordinance for need to take immediate action, which came to the attention of the local body after the agenda was posted. The motion carried unanimously.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Hearing Panel Member Keen and seconded by Hearing Panel Member Ford to (1) approve the amended Statement of Findings and Decision for Hunter v. Plascencia complaint for hearing of April 14, 2021; and (2) authorize Chair Nelson to present the Statement of Findings and Decision at the City Council meeting on June 22, 2021. The motion carried with Panel Members Ford, Graham, Keen, and Nelson voting aye.

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

Vice Chair Stahovich reported on identifying who presents Findings at City Council meetings, City Council appeal and De Novo processes, and the prehearing in the Miramontes cases when it was decided there was not enough evidence to move forward. Member Huerta spoke about her time as Chair and presenting the Board of Ethics Findings to City Council.

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

There was nothing to report on Ad Hoc Committee validation process for appointed and elected officials to vet policy proposals and amendment of complaint after filing.

REPORT OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES BY BOARD MEMBERS

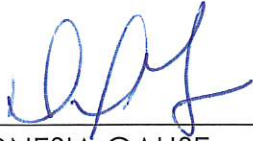
There was nothing to report on meetings and activities by Board Members.

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

Vice Chair Stahovich requested to include a discussion item on recommendations to the Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee and City Council, and issues raised with the Charter Review Committee. Chair Nelson requested discussion on procedures for offering and presenting the Findings.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Stahovich and seconded by Member Newman to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Gause', written over a horizontal line.

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk