

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021, 5 P.M.
VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON MEETING

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Vice Chair Stahovich and Member Foley

STAFF PRESENT: Donesia Gause and Susan Wilson

Chair Nelson convened the Board of Ethics meeting at 5:05 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 Keen to approve the minutes of July 1, 2021, as presented. The motion carried with Member Huerta abstaining.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENCE

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Keen and seconded by Member Vega to excuse the absence of Members Huerta, Graham, and Newman from the meeting on July 1, 2021. The motion carried with Member Huerta abstaining.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT AND BOARD OF ETHICS TO DISCUSS EFFECTIVENESS, REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, - SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCLUSIVENESS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND GOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES COMMITTEE

Following discussion and review of the comments from City boards and commission for the annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct, it was moved by Member Huerta and seconded by Member Keen to accept the recommendations and work with the City Attorney to develop language to revise the ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Following further discussion, Chair Nelson requested members volunteer to form an ad hoc committee to work with staff to draft language for necessary revisions to the Code of Ethics and Conduct in accordance with the recommendations

made by the Board of Ethics. Without formal action, Chair Nelson and Members Keen, Vega and Newman volunteered.

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

Chair Nelson reported on the presentation made to the Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee on August 4, 2021.

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

Chair Nelson reported on his intention to attend an online community group meeting on Ethics and Oversight statewide group and requested the City Clerk to invite other Board members to attend the meeting.

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

Assistant City Attorney Wilson reported that Section 2.78.040C of the Municipal Code states that it is the discretion of the Board of Ethics whether they want to use outside legal counsel in lieu of the City Attorney to advise the Board and Hearing Panel on specific matters. Chair Nelson requested that consideration of use of outside legal counsel be agendaized for the September meeting. Member Vega requested training for new board members. Chair Nelson directed staff to provide training for the members at the September or October meeting. Staff reported that training for all boards and commissions will be held in February 2022 and Chair Nelson advised that Member Huerta was nominated to conduct the Ethics training.

Motion was made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Keen to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk