

BOARD OF ETHICS  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026, 6:00 P.M.  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE

PRESENT: Chair Newman, Vice Chair Hernandez, and  
Members Vega, Foreman, and De Herrera

ABSENT: Member Fanning

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo, Rahman Gerran, and Ruthann Salera

Chair Newman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to address the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Foreman and seconded by Member Vega to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of December 4, 2025, were approved as presented.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.78 PROPOSED REVISIONS -  
SECTIONS 2.78.050 AND 2.78.060 - CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT, TO ADDRESS  
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCONDUCT

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Newman and seconded by Member Hernandez to (1) review the proposed revisions to Sections 2.78.050 and 2.78.060 of the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 2.78, the Code of Ethics and Conduct, to address digital communications and misconduct, as requested by the City Council at the December 9, 2025, public hearing; and (2) approve Option 2 - Potential Revision of the staff report adding RMC 2.78.050 - Core Values, subsection "I. Digital communication must reflect the City's commitment to impartiality, fairness, and integrity. Online activity, messages or actions should not create, or appear to create bias, partisanship, or predisposition on City matters that fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of the public office and are quasi-judicial proceedings"; and RMC 2.78.060 - Prohibited Conduct, subsection "O. Digital misconduct prohibited. Those subject to this code are prohibited from engaging in digital misconduct, while acting in an official capacity. Online activity or messages that create, or appear to create, bias, partisanship, or predisposition on City matters that fall within the subject matter

jurisdiction of the public office and are quasi-judicial proceedings are strictly prohibited. Any violation of prohibited conduct under this code shall be limited to online activity while representing the public official's appointed or elected position using official City accounts. Sanctions for this paragraph shall be limited to censure only." The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

No updates were reported.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

No updates were reported.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY BOARD OF ETHICS  
Vice Chair Hernandez requested to add an update for the ad hoc committee regarding potential ballot measure for consideration by the Charter Review Committee. Member De Herrera requested an update on the Board of Ethics.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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EVA ARSEO  
Assistant City Clerk