

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE

PRESENT: Vice Chair Hernandez and Members Vega, Fanning, De Herrera, Thranow, and Perkins

ABSENT: Chair Newman

STAFF PRESENT: Eva Arseo and Rahman Gerren

Chair Newman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to address the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Chair Hernandez and seconded by Member De Herrera to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of March 5 and April 2, 2026, were approved as presented.

CODE OF ETHICS WORKSHOP

Deputy City Attorney Rahman Gerren presented an overview of Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.060.B - Use of divulgence of confidential or privileged information prohibited and 2.78.060.C - Use of City resources for non-City purposes prohibited, as requested by Board of Ethics members.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

AD HOC COMMITTEES FOR 2026 WORKPLAN

The Board of Ethics established ad hoc committees to implement the 2026 Workplan as follows:

Method for Public Education and Public Outreach including videos on the Code of Ethics and Conduct process

It was moved by Member Vega and seconded by Vice Chair Hernandez to establish the ad hoc committee comprised of Vice Chair Hernandez and Members Vega and Thranow to create a method for Public Education and Public Outreach including videos on the Code of Ethics and Conduct process. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Charter Amendments to Charter Review Committee

It was moved by Vice Chair Hernandez and seconded by Member Vega to establish the ad hoc committee comprised of Vice Chair Hernandez and Members Vega and Fanning to propose Charter Amendments to the future Charter Review Committee for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Standing Rules Review

It was moved by Vice Chair Hernandez and seconded by Member Vega to establish the ad hoc committee comprised of Vice Chair Hernandez and Members Vega and Fanning to review the Board of Ethics Standing Rules. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct

It was moved by Vice Chair Hernandez and seconded by Member Fanning to establish the ad hoc committee comprised of Vice Chair Hernandez and Member Vega to perform the annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual report to City Council

It was moved by Member Thranow and seconded by Vice Chair Hernandez to establish the ad hoc committee comprised of Members Vega, Perkins, and Thranow to deliver an annual report to the City Council in accordance with the Board of Ethics Standing Rules. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chair Hernandez and Member Vega provided an ad hoc committee update regarding the proposed Charter amendments for consideration by the future Charter Committee.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Vice Chair Hernandez reported he attended The Group meeting. Member Perkins reported she attended the Boards and Commissions reception.

STAFF UPDATES

Assistant City Clerk Arseo reported that the boards and commissions will be conducting the annual review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct and a schedule will be shared with the Board of Ethics for an opportunity to volunteer to present at a meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY BOARD OF ETHICS

There were no future items requested at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA ARSEO
Assistant City Clerk