

BOARD OF ETHICS
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023, 5 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE

MINUTES

PRESENT IN PERSON: Vice Chair Newman, Members, De Herrera, DeMont, Foley, Foreman, Vega, and Dr. Benson

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Donesia Gause and Susan Wilson

The meeting convened at 5:03 p.m.

Member DeHerrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Foreman and seconded by Member DeHerrera to nominate Vice Chair Newman as Chair. The motion carried with Member Newman abstaining.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Foley to nominate Member Foreman as Vice Chair.

Following further discussion, a substitute motion was made by Member DeHerrera and seconded by Member Foreman to nominate Member Vega as Vice Chair.

Motion was made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Foley to close the nomination.

The original motion failed for Member Foreman as Vice Chair with Members Foley, Newman, and Vega voting aye, Dr. Benson voting no, and Members Demont, DeHerrera, Foreman abstaining.

The substitute motion failed for Member Vega as vice Chair with Members, DeHerrera, Foreman, and Dr. Benson voting aye, and Members Demont, Foley, Vega, and Newman abstaining.

Following further discussion, the original motion was voted on again and failed for Member Foreman as Vice Chair with Members Demont, Newman, and Vega

voting aye, Members DeHerrera and Foley voting no, and Member Foreman and Dr. Benson abstaining.

Following further discussion, motion carried to elect Member Vega as Vice Chair with Members, DeHerrera, Foley, Foreman, Newman, and Dr. Benson voting aye, and Members Demont and Vega abstaining.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Board.

BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Dr. Benson introduced herself.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Foley and seconded by Member Foreman to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item with an amendment to the Minutes noting that Member Foley was present. The motion carried with Dr. Benson abstaining.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2023, were approved as presented.

The minutes of the Hearing Panel meeting of February 2, 2023, were approved with an amendment showing Member Foley present.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

MINUTES AND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND DECISION OF HEARING PANEL REGARDING CODE OF ETHICS COMPLAINT BY JENNIFER LARRATT-SMITH AGAINST COUNCILMEMBER CONDER - FEBRUARY 2, 2023,

Following discussion, it was moved by Chair Newman and seconded by Member Foreman to adopt the Statement of Findings and Decision for Jennifer Larratt-Smith complaint against Councilmember Conder. The motion carried with Members DeHerrera, Vega, Newman, Foley, and Foreman voting aye, and Member DeMont and Dr. Benson abstaining.

FORMATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF STANDING RULES

This item was continued to the May 4, 2023, Board of Ethics meeting after the revised Code of Ethics and Conduct ordinance is adopted by City Council.

AUTHORITY AND CONDITIONS FOR USE OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL IN LIEU OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF ETHICS

There was no update on this item.

COMMUNICATIONS

BRIEF REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBER

There were no reports given at this time.

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

Member Foley requested training on Code of Ethics and Conduct by the City Attorney's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk