

BOARD OF ETHICS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024, 5 P.M.  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE

MINUTES

PRESENT IN PERSON: Members DeHerrera, Foreman, Hill-Skinner, Vega, and Dr. Benson

ABSENT: Member Newman

STAFF PRESENT: Donesia Gause and Brandon Mercer

Vice Chair Vega called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Dr. Benson led the pledge of allegiance.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Member DeHerrera and seconded by Dr. Benson to elect Member Vega as Chair. The motion carried with Members DeHerrera, Foreman, Hill-Skinner, and Dr. Benson voting aye, Member Vega abstaining, and Member Newman absent.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Foreman and seconded by Member Hill-Skinner to elect Member Newman as Vice Chair. The motion carried with Chair Vega and Members DeHerrera, Foreman, Hill-Skinner, and Dr. Benson voting aye and Member Newman absent.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Board at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Foreman and seconded by Dr. Benson to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried with Chair Vega and Members DeHerrera, Foreman, Hill-Skinner, and Dr. Benson voting aye and Vice Chair Newman absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2024, were approved as presented.

STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND DECISION - COMPLAINT BY DUFFY ATKINSON, AGAINST BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEMBER DAVID CROHN

The Board approved the Statement of Findings and Decision of the February 1, 2024, pre-conference regarding Code of Ethics and Conduct complaint by Duffy Atkinson, against Board of Public Utilities Member David Crohn.

## DISBAN AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR CREATING TEMPLATE FOR STATEMENTS OF FINDINGS

The Board approved disbanding the ad hoc committee for creating a template for the Statements of Findings.

## DISCUSSION CALENDAR

### ABSENCES

Following discussion, it was moved by Dr. Benson and seconded by Member DeHerrera to excuse the absence of Member Hill-Skinner from the February 1, 2024, meeting. The motion carried with Chair Vega and Members DeHerrera, Foreman, Hill-Skinner, and Dr. Benson voting aye and Vice Chair Newman absent.

### RECUSAL OF MEMBERS FOR PRE-CONFERENCES AND HEARINGS

This item was continued to the next Board of Ethics meeting on April 4, 2024.

### REVIEW CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE IN RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.78 M

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board requested to bring back the language revision, proposed by Member Foreman, to Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) Section 2.78.060(M) regarding Violations of federal, state, or local law prohibited for consideration.

### ADDRESS NON-APPEARANCE OF PARTIES OF FILED COMPLAINTS TO PRE-CONFERENCES AND HEARINGS

This item was continued to the next Board of Ethics meeting on April 4, 2024.

### 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

### AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Dr. Benson reported that the City Attorney's Office provided a list for the legal panel for complaints.

### CREATE METHOD FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

There were no updates on creating methods for public education.

### BRIEF REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBER

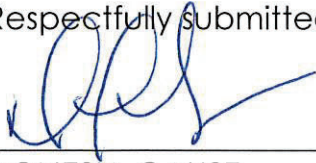
There were no reports given at this time.

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

There were no items requested for future Board of Ethics meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

DONESIA GAUSE  
City Clerk