

Agenda



Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Time: 5:15 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Bldg. A, Executive Conference Room #103
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA

Board of Ethics Regular Meeting

In-Person Public Comments: Submit a request to speak to the Board secretary before the close of the public comment period on an item or before the close of the general Public Comment period for non-agenda items.

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Time Allotted for Speaking (*subject to change by the presiding officer*)

- Agenda Items: 3 minutes
- General Public Comment (not on agenda): 3 minutes

Individuals who use a translator will be allotted twice the amount of time.

Agenda Packet: Materials provided to the Board, including staff reports, draft resolutions, and other materials related to any open-session item on this agenda, are available for public review at www.chulavistaca.gov/boardmeetings or the City Attorney's Office at 276 Fourth Ave, Chula Vista.

Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact BOE@chulavistaca.gov. Providing at least 48 hours' notice will help ensure that reasonable arrangements can be made.

1. CALL TO ORDER**2. ROLL CALL**

Member Colon-Torres, Member Gersten, Member Salas, Member Torres, Member Velissaropoulos, Vice-Chair Hurst, and Chair Barragan.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons may address the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction that is not listed as an item on the agenda. State law generally prohibits the Board from discussing or taking action on any issue not included on the agenda, but, if appropriate, the Board may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. If you wish to comment, please submit comments electronically at: www.chulavistaca.gov/boardmeetings or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

4. ACTION ITEMS

The Item(s) listed in this section of the agenda will be considered individually by the Board and are expected to elicit discussion and deliberation. If you wish to comment on one of these items, you may do so at www.chulavistaca.gov/boardmeetings or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

4.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board to approve the minutes dated January 15, 2025.

4.2 Written Communications

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Communication from Board Member Alexia Velissaropoulos requesting an excused absence from the December 18, 2024, Board of Ethics meeting.

5. PRESENTATION

The following item(s) will be presentations given to the Board. Action on these item(s) is typically limited to the Board receiving the presentation and providing direction or feedback to staff, as appropriate. If you wish to speak on an item, please fill out a "Request to speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting or submit an electronic comment per the instructions on page one of this agenda.

5.1 Update from Lobbying Ordinance Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

Consists of Chair Isidro Barragan, Vice Chair Leslie Hurst, and Member Bobby Ray Salas.

5.2 Update from Ex Parte Communication Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

Consists of Member William Gersten, Member Jose Torres, and Member Bobby Ray Salas.

5.3 Update from Amendments to Code of Ethics Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

Consists of Vice Chair Leslie Hurst, Member Alexia Velissaropoulos, and Member Robert Colon-Torres.

6. STAFF COMMENTS
7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS
8. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS
9. ADJOURNMENT

to the regular meeting on March 19, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.

Materials provided to the Board of Ethics related to any open-session item on this agenda are available for public review by contacting the City Attorney's Office at BOE@chulavistaca.gov.



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2025, 5:15 p.m.
 City Hall, Bldg. #A, Conference Room C-101
 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista

Present: Member Gersten, Vice Chair Hurst, Member Salas, Member Torres, Member Velissaropoulos, and Chair Barragan

Absent: Member Colon-Torres

Also Present: City Attorney Marco Verdugo and Secretary Sydnie Montalvo

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Ethics of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Montalvo called the roll.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert provided public comment.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Member Gersten
Seconded by Member Torres

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To approve the minutes dated: December 18, 2024.

The motion was carried by the following vote: Yes (6) Vice Chair Hurst, Member Gersten, Member Salas, Member Torres, Member Velissaropoulos, and Chair Barragan

Absent (1): Member Colon-Torres

Result: Carried (6-0)

4.2 Written Communications

Moved by Member Gersten
Seconded by Member Velissaropoulos

To approve excused absence for Board Member Bobby Ray Salas and Robert Paolo Colon-Torres from the December 18, 2024, Board of Ethics meeting.

The motion was carried by the following vote: Yes (6) Vice Chair Hurst, Member Gersten, Member Salas, Member Torres, Member Velissaropoulos, and Chair Barragan

Absent (1): Member Colon-Torres

Result: Carried (6-0)

4.3 Review of Meeting Location

Moved by Member Salas
Seconded by Member Gersten

To adopt resolution 2025-01 formally changing the regular meeting location from City Council Room 101 to Executive Conference Room 103.

The motion was carried by the following vote: Yes (6) Vice Chair Hurst, Member Gersten, Member Salas, Member Torres, Member Velissaropoulos, and Chair Barragan

Absent (1): Member Colon-Torres

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Resolution No. 2025-01 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA CHANGING THE LOCATION OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Result: Carried (6-0)

5. PRESENTATION(S)

5.1 Update from Lobbying Ordinance Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

There is a working draft. The committee will need more time to review it before they can present it.

5.2 Update from Ex Parte Communication Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

A working draft is in process. The committee will meet again to continue their work.

5.3 Update from Amendments to Code of Ethics Ad Hoc Sub-Committee

Robert spoke expressing a neutral position.

The committee has a rough draft that needs the City Attorney's review to ensure no legal issues.

5.4 Review of Board of Ethics Attendance Policy

Robert spoke in support of the attendance policy.

The City Attorney requests that any request for an excused absence be submitted seven days prior to a Board of Ethics Meeting. The City Attorney recommends that members review Chula Vista Municipal Code Section 2.25.105 and Municipal Code Section 2.25.110.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

There were none.

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Thank you for your support and for joining us this evening.

8. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Vice Chair Hurst shared he is excited to get started there is a lot of work to get done.

Member Velissaropoulos wished everyone a happy new year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Sydnie Montalvo, Secretary

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REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE
City of Chula Vista Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Name: Alexia Velissaropoulos Date of Absence: 12/18/2024

Board/Commission/Committee: Board of Ethics

Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.25.110 (C) allows board/commission/committee members, by a majority vote, to excuse a fellow board, commission, or committee member's absence from a meeting for any of the reasons listed below. **A member who is absent from three consecutive, regular meetings will be deemed to have vacated his or her membership, unless the member's absence is excused by a majority vote of the other members.** An absence is only recorded as "excused" upon receipt of a member's request and majority vote of the board/commission/committee to excuse the absence. Accordingly, if you have been absent from a regular meeting, please complete and submit this form to the chair or secretary.

Please indicate the reason for the absence:

- 1. Illness of the member, family member of the member, or personal friend of the member;
- 2. Business commitment of the member that interferes with the attendance of the member at a meeting;
- 3. Previously scheduled vacation of the member, notice of which was provided to the respective board or commission in advance of the meeting;
- 4. Attendance of the member at a funeral, religious service or ceremony, wedding, or other similarly significant event;
- 5. Unexpected, emergency situation that prohibits the member's attendance; or
- 6. Other reason for which the member has given notice to the secretary of his or her unavailability at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

OR

The absence was not for any of the above-listed reasons. I understand that the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

I certify the reason for the absence indicated above is true and correct.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: 1/15/25

If completed by secretary or staff to board/commission/committee:

Completed on member's behalf by: _____, per member's Verbal Written request
on: _____ (date) (secretary/liason's name)