

FY 2023-24 Annual Activities Report



Board of Ethics

Highlights of Activities During Fiscal Year 2023-24

1. Appoint members to serve on the Board of Ethics Interview Panel
 - a. On August 16, 2023, one Commissioner (Gersten) was appointed to serve on the Board of Ethics Interview Panel and one Commissioner (Torres) was appointed to serve as the alternate member.
2. Interviewed candidates to fill the 3 vacant seats
 - a. On November 29, 2023, 3 applicants were interviewed. Commissioners made the decision to hold off on selecting applicants until they interview a 4th applicant.
 - b. On December 4, 2023, one candidate was scheduled to interview but the applicant rescinded. The Commissioners met and moved forward with recommending 1 applicant (Hurst) to the City Council for appointment.
 - c. On March 6, 2024, 2 applicants were interviewed. The Commissioners moved forward with recommending both applicants (Salas and Maisonet) to the City Council for appointment.
3. Selection of Board of Ethics Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2023-24
 - a. On January 17, 2024, former Vice-Chair (Barragan) was nominated as Chair and another Commissioner (Hurst) was nominated as Vice-Chair. Both nominations were carried by unanimous votes.
4. Update to members serving on the Board of Ethics Interview Panel
 - a. On January 17, 2024, the Board of Ethics discussed the appointments of the Commissioners (Gersten and Torres) on the Interview Panel. The update is that Commissioner Torres was appointed to the Interview Panel while Commissioner Gersten was appointed to serve as the alternate member.

5. Continued Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Ethics Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024
 - a. As of April 17, 2024, all Board of Ethics members have been appointed to an ad-hoc subcommittee group.
 - i. Group A: Lobbying Ordinance
 - ii. Group B: Ex Parte Communications Policy
 - iii. Group C: Amendments to Code of Ethics
 - iv. Ad-hoc subcommittees continue to meet, discuss and share input on their respective topic.

Board/Commission Comments or Recommendations to Council

None at this time.