



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

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

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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