



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2024, 5:15 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg. #A, Conference Room C-101
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista

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

Absent: Member Colon-Torres, Member Salas, Member Velissaropoulos

Others 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 5:30 p.m. Due to the fog the meeting started 15 minutes late.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Montalvo called the roll.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert provided public comment.

No comments were submitted online.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Member Torres
Seconded by Member Gersten

Motion to approve the minutes dated September 18, 2024.

Result: Carried

4.2 Written Communications

Moved by Member Gersten
Seconded by Member Torres

Motion to excuse the absence of Member Alexia Velissaropoulos on September 18, 2024.

Result: Carried

4.3 Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Ethics Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

Robert spoke expressing a neutral position.

To proceed with the current plan to focus on the three subcommittees.

Committee members would like to receive monthly updates from the subcommittees.

Moved by Chair Barragan
Seconded by Member Gersten

Motion to memorialize Group C: Amendments to Code of Ethics - Alexia Velissaropoulos, Leslie Hurst, and Robert Colon-Torres.

Result: Carried

Moved by Chair Barragan
Seconded by Member Gersten

Motion to memorialize Group B: Ex Parte Communications Policy - William Gersten, Jose Torres, and Bobby Ray Salas.

Result: Carried

Moved by Chair Barragan
Seconded by Member Gersten

Motion to memorialize Group A: Lobbying Ordinance - Isidro Barragan, Leslie Hurst, and Bobby Ray Salas.

Result: Carried

Moved by Chair Barragan
Seconded by Member Gersten

Motion to add to the agenda reoccurring work plan updates from the subcommittees each month.

Result: Carried

4.4 Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Ethics 2024 - 2025 Priorities

Robert spoke expressing a neutral position.

No further action at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. STAFF COMMENTS

City Attorney Verdugo thanked everyone for their time. He apologized the previous meeting had been cancelled due to construction.

Chair Barragan would like to discuss the attendance policy at the next board meeting.

Moved by Chair Barragan
Seconded by Member Torres

Motion to add the attendance policy to the agenda for the next meeting.

Result: Carried

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Barragan thanked everyone who attended. Sydnie will be joining us at our meetings. He wanted to thank Doris for her years of service to our board and City.

7. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Member Gersten seconded the City Attorney and chair's comments.

Vice Chair Hurst thanked Doris who was there for them and guided them in the right direction.

Member Torres said he would see Doris and plans to thank her in person.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Sydnie Montalvo, Secretary

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