

ETHICS REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

A meeting of the Ethics Review Board (ERB) was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Media Briefing Room of City Hall, 100 Military Plaza, San Antonio, Texas with the following present:

Ethics Members Present: Melanie Castillo, Courtney Hilliard, Ruben De Leon, Adriana Garcia, Magdalena Alvarado, Linda Jackson, Victoria Moreno-Herrera, Wade Shelton, Ron Van Kirk, and Paula McGee

Staff Present: Kevin Barthold, *City Auditor*; Leticia Vacek, *City Clerk*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; and Camila Kunau, *Assistant City Attorney*

Others Present: John Courage, *District 9 Councilmember*; Trey Jacobson, *Mayor's Office*; Derek Roberts, *City Council District 9*; Zachary Lyke, *City Council District 9*; and Edmond Ortiz, *Rivard Report*

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Saenz called the roll noting that a quorum was present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Ethics Review Board Meeting held on July 11, 2017.

Mr. Van Kirk moved to approve the minutes of the Ethics Review Board Meeting held on July 11, 2017. Mr. De Leon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Items 2 and 3 were addressed jointly.

2. Discussion and possible action of potential revisions to the Municipal Campaign Finance Code recommended by the ERB Panel and City Staff.

3. Discussion of Council Consideration Request (CCR) filed by Councilmember Courage relating to additional contribution reporting requirements.

Mr. Ruben De Leon outlined the revisions made to Section 2-309 of the Municipal Campaign Finance Code. He stated that the Panel had discussed the CCR but could not come to a consensus on whether to have candidates disclose a contributor's employer and job title. He requested that the board further discuss and review the CCR before the Panel makes a determination to add the information to the code.

Dr. Garcia recognized Councilmember Courage. Councilmember Courage addressed the Board regarding the CCR he submitted and stated that individuals who run for Federal and State Elections are required to disclose a contributor's employer and job title. He noted that the purpose of requesting such information would be to provide transparency in government. He mentioned that the additional information was critical to determine if contributions influence the decision making process of our government.

Discussion ensued regarding Councilmember Courage's CCR. After discussion, the ERB Members recommended that the Panel and City Staff further discuss the CCR and present their findings to the full ERB.

Mr. Barthold stated that Chairwoman Garcia was scheduled to present the ERB's proposed recommendations on the Ethics and Municipal Campaign Finance Codes to the Governance Council Committee on September 20, 2017. He added that if more time was required to finalize the Codes; the date could be changed.

Chairwoman Garcia stated that she was asked by some Councilmembers to review the process of submitting an Ethics Complaint and would assign a Panel to review same.

Mrs. Vacek requested clarification on Section 2-306 of the Municipal Campaign Finance Code regarding the receipt of campaign bank account statements. Ms. Kunau stated that state law required candidates to file bank statements until they file a final Campaign Finance Report and terminate their campaign treasurer. Chairwoman Garcia requested that the Panel add a statement to Section 2-306 of the Municipal Campaign Finance Code to clarify when bank statements are required to be submitted.

Mr. Shelton moved to send Items 2 and 3 back to the Municipal Campaign Finance Panel. Ms. Castillo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizens to be Heard.

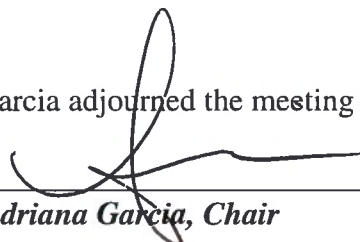
There were no citizens registered to speak.

Executive Session: Attorney-Client matters may be discussed on any of the items listed above under Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The Executive Session was not held.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Chairwoman Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.



Adriana Garcia, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,



Rosalinda G. Diaz, Office of the City Clerk