

ETHICS REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

A meeting of the Ethics Review Board (ERB) was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 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: Ruben De Leon, Adriana Garcia, Linda Jackson, Wade Shelton, Ron Van Kirk, and Paula McGee

Ethics Members Absent: Melanie Castillo, Magdalena Alvarado and Victoria Moreno-Herrera

Staff Present: Kevin Barthold, *City Auditor*; Andy Segovia, *City Attorney*; Leticia Saenz, *Deputy City Clerk*; Camila Kunau, *Assistant City Attorney*; Tina Flores, *Compliance Auditor*; and Rosalinda Diaz, *Sr. Administrative Assistant*

Others Present: Gay Wright, *Citizen*

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Diaz called the roll noting that a quorum was present.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Ethics Review Board Meeting held on January 23, 2018.

Mrs. McGee requested the following revisions to the ERB minutes for January 23, 2018: Page 1, Item No. 2 change the word preform to perform; add the word Campaign to read Municipal Campaign Finance; Page 3, Item No. 4 last paragraph add the word limits after contribution; and change Item No. 6 to read Citizens to be Heard.

Mrs. McGee moved to approve the minutes of the Ethics Review Board Meeting held on January 23, 2018 with the recommended changes. Mr. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

At this time, the ERB addressed Item 3.

3. Citizens to be Heard.

Ms. Gay Wright proposed that Citizens to be Heard be held at the beginning of ERB meetings.

2. Discussion and possible action of potential revisions to the Ethics Code and Municipal Campaign Finance Code.

Kevin Barthold outlined the documents in the packet provided to the Board Members that were prepared by the City Auditor's Office. He stated that the first document was a summary of the substantive changes made to the Ethics and Municipal Campaign Finance Codes. He addressed the second document containing the new language being proposed for Section 2-59. He noted that the previous language was too broad and that the revisions to Section 2-59 better defined who was required to disclose campaign contributions. He stated that draft revisions of the entire Ethics and Municipal Campaign Finance Codes were also included in the packet.

Tina Flores stated that during the zoning process, Applicants are informed of the prohibitions concerning campaign contributions on Page 9 of the Zoning Application. She added that Applicants are also required to disclose campaign contributions on the application. She stated that the City Auditor's Office had recommended that the zoning requirements become part of the Contracts Disclosure Report.

Mr. De Leon moved to approve the proposed revisions to the Ethics Code and forward them to the City Council. Mr. Van Kirk seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Mrs. Flores asked Dr. Garcia to outline the memo she sent to Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember Pelaez.

Chairwoman Garcia stated that the memo detailed the research completed by the ERB concerning campaign finance contribution limits. She noted that the last time a committee was created to research contribution limits was in 2002. She stated that she had requested that the ERB be included in some capacity on the committee or panel created by the Mayor.

Mr. Barthold stated that Chairwoman Garcia was tentatively scheduled to present the revisions to the Ethics and Municipal Campaign Finance Codes to the Governance Committee on February 28, 2018. He added that Chairwoman Garcia was also scheduled to present at the City Council "B" Session on April 4, 2018.

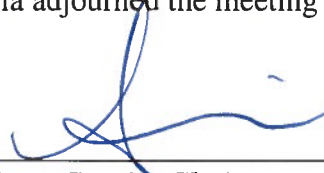
Executive Session: Attorney-Client matters may be discussed on any of the items listed above under Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Chairwoman Garcia recessed the meeting at 6:26 pm to convene in Executive Session, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Chairwoman Garcia reconvened the Ethics Review Board meeting at 6:34 pm and announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Chairwoman Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

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Adriana Garcia, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Rosalinda G. Diaz', written over a horizontal line.

Rosalinda G. Diaz, Office of the City Clerk