

Agenda for the Meeting of Thursday, March 13, 2025 5:00 p.m.

## **In-Person Meeting**

## Second Floor Conference Room 451 A Street, San Diego, California 92101

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#### **REGULAR MEETING**

Item 1: Call to Order.

Item 2: Roll Call.

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes.

Approval of Commission Minutes of Meeting of February 13, 2025.

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Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment.

Item 5: Commissioner Comment.

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for Commissioners to make announcements or comments.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment.

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for the Executive Director to make announcements or comments.

## Item 7: Consideration of Process to Select the Commission's Officers for the 2026 Fiscal Year

Discussion and possible action regarding the process that will be used to select the Commission's Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026 Fiscal Year. Officers must be selected by the end of June 2025 to serve a one-year term that begins July 1, 2025.

# Item 8: Consideration of Municipal Code Amendments Related to Adding Classified Employees to the Commission's Jurisdiction

This item is noticed for discussion and possible action.

The Executive Director will present draft language to amend the Municipal Code to add classified City employees to the Commission's jurisdiction. This advances the recommendation of the City's Audit Committee, which has asked the Commission to proceed with the steps needed to implement this expansion.

The legislative amendments are a preliminary step in a process that would require Council action to send the draft language to a meet-and-confer process with certain City labor unions. After that process is complete, the Council would need to adopt the code amendments. After the law is in place, the Ethics Commission would draft a plan to phase in jurisdiction, which requires funds for additional staff and enforcement hearings.

► View back-up materials: (1) Memo; (2) Memo re Audit Recommendation (3) Draft Strikeout; (4) Hotline Report

#### Item 9: Informational Item: Enforcement Program Update

The Investigative Program Manager will present the monthly public report.

▶ View back-up materials: IPM Monthly Report for March 2025

### Item 10: Announcement of Closed Session Items / Adjourn to Closed Session

Items to be discussed in Closed Session are listed in the Closed Session portion of the Agenda. The Commission will hear any public comment on these items before it recesses the open session meeting to convene in Closed Session.

The Commission will reconvene into open session following the conclusion of Closed Session to report any action taken. A record of actions taken in Closed Session will also be posted on the Commission's website on Friday, March 14, 2025.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

## Item 1: Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation. Discussion pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a) (Case Nos. 2025-06, 2025-02, 2024-29, 2024-26 and 2024-20)

The Investigative Program Manager will report on the status of open investigations.

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**COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** When the Commission Chair has introduced the item on which you would like to comment, you will be asked to introduce yourself and provide your comments. Each speaker will have three minutes to speak. The Commission will take public comment on Closed Session items, if any, before adjourning to that meeting.

If you wish to submit written materials, please do so by sending an email to <a href="mailto:ethicscommission@sandiego.gov">ethicscommission@sandiego.gov</a> no later than close of business on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Materials submitted via e-mail by this deadline will be distributed to the Ethics Commissioners before the meeting.