

ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 9, 2002, Room 4CN #1

Members Present: Daniel Perez, Chair
Rebecca B. Bergstresser
Calvin Bluiett
Jim Clark
Gloria Tarpley

Staff Present: Jesus Toscano, City Attorney's Office
Gwen Satterthwaite, City Attorney's Office
Lisa Christopherson, City Attorney's Office
Michelle M. Calloway, City Secretary's Office
Debbie Brown, City Secretary's Office
Yolanda Hernandez, City Secretary's Office

The meeting of the Ethics Advisory Commission was called to order at 12:15 p.m. on January 9, 2002 in room 4CN #1. Commissioner Tarpley moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2001 meeting, November 30, 2001 Declaratory Hearing of Brenda Reyes, and December 6, 2001 preliminary panel hearing of Carol Brandon as distributed by the City Secretary's Office. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion.

The annual report to council was discussed. Since the Commission has been meeting for less than a year, Chairman Perez suggested that the annual report for next year contain more detail and recommendations and to include more factual data in the report this year. Commissioner Tarpley requested that an index of complaints be maintained by the City Secretary's Office with the disposition and section of the code that was allegedly violated. Discussion was held on what constitutes a conflict of interest in regards to employment under the Ethics code.

Chairman Perez moved to approve the index of complaints and commission activity report as drafted. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and the full commission. Amendments were made to the draft cover letter and unanimously approved. Chairman Perez reminded the commission members that they have the right to submit a minority report to the council.

Discussion was held regarding scheduling of future meetings. Commissioners expressed their desire to move forward with the cases pending before the commission. The commission rescheduled the declaratory hearing of Brenda Reyes for Friday, February 15, at 9 a.m. in room 6ES and the full Ethics Advisory Commission hearing of Carol Brandon for Friday, February 22, at 9 a.m. in room 6ES.

The commission viewed the ethics video for boards and commission members.

Commissioner Clark asked for the list of boards and commissions members that had not filed their financial disclosure reports and the status of members who were currently serving without having filed. The city attorney's office stated that the council would have to take action.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.