

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

ETHICS COMMISSION



Chairperson John Clifford (D6)
Vice-Chairperson Lidia Manzanares (Mayoral Appointee)
Commissioner Sandra Christensen (D1)
Commissioner Wayne Schmidt (D3)
Commissioner Bernice Stillions (D4)
Commissioner Lucille Lyon (D5)

VISION STATEMENT

Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.

Thursday, June 26, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair, John Clifford called the Ethics Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Manzanares led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Sandra Christensen
Commissioner Wayne Schmidt
Commissioner Bernice Stillions
Commissioner Lucille Lyon
Chair John Clifford

Absent: Vice-Chair Lidia Manzanares

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Munoz, Human Resources Manager/Staff Liaison
Astrid Lamers, Senior Administrative Assistant/Commission Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Clifford announced that he attended the Mayor's Gala for the Library, and they grossed about \$119,000 and netted about \$70,000. It was a nice evening and the last public event for Planning Commissioner, VanderMolen, who recently passed away. Additionally, he had the opportunity to attend Councilwoman Garcia's wedding. Finally, He saw an email chain and it included a staff person from a federal official's office regarding allegations of Brown Act violations in our City to the point where the person was suggesting that they put together a committee to look at Brown Act violations. As a citizen, he responded and said that the city has an Ethics Commission.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Chris Munoz, HR Manager/Staff Liaison notified the Commission that we have scheduled AB 1234 Ethics Training on July 15, 2025. There will be two sessions.

Secretary Astrid Lamers provided the Commission with an update concerning the vacancy on the Commission.

CONSENT

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

It is recommended that the Commission members approve the following Ethics Commission Meeting minutes.

May 22, 2025

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT CARRIED 5-0 (CHAIR MANZANARES ABSENT), to approve the May 22, 2025, meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION

2. Report from Ad-Hoc Ordinance Sub-Committee

Commissioner Lyon stated that they were pleased to have Commissioner Schmidt join the Sub-Committee and turned it over to Commissioner Schmidt who had several questions to ask.

Ultimately it was decided that Staff would work on clarifying the Sub-Committee's questions with our City Attorney.

Commissioners suggested the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline be paused until procedures are put in place.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Report from Ad-Hoc Code of Ethics Policy Sub-Committee

Chair Clifford provided an update to the Commission. The Sub-Committee is working on updating one policy and a guide to accompany the policy.

No action was taken on this item.

4. Report from Ad-Hoc Scope of Work Sub-Committee

There was no report out from the Sub-Committee at this time.

No action was taken on this item.**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Clifford adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

ASTRID LAMERS

Senior Admin Assistant/Commission
Secretary to the Ethics Commission

JOHN CLIFFORD

Chair of the Ethics Commission