

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 Derek Engdahl (D2)
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, July 24, 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

Commissioner Engdahl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chair Lidia Manzanares
Commissioner Derek Engdahl
Commissioner Lucille Lyon
Chair John Clifford

Absent: Commissioner Sandra Christensen
Commissioner Wayne Schmidt
Commissioner Bernice Stillions

STAFF PRESENT

René Anderson, Director of Human Resources/Staff Liaison
Astrid Lamers, Senior Administrative Assistant/Commission Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Lyon recommended that Commissioners reintroduce themselves since the addition of a new Commissioner, Derek Engdahl. Commissioner Engdahl briefly introduced himself, followed by the remainder of the Commissioners.

Chair Clifford informed the Commission that he was present for both Ethics Training sessions held on July 15, 2025, the Chamber of Commerce installation dinner, and Downtown Merchants meeting.

Chair requested to add a few items to the next meeting agenda including training, and outreach.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

René Anderson, HR Director/Staff Liaison notified Commissioners that over 50 people attended each session of the Ethics Training held on July 15, 2025. Feedback was positive regarding the in-person training option, the presenter was engaging and everyone walked away having learned something which was the goal of the training.

CONSENT

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

June 26, 2025

Commissioner Engdahl pointed out that the minutes read that Vice-Chair Manzanares led the pledge of allegiance, however, Vice-Chair Manzanares was absent. Commissioner Christensen led the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LYON, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR MANZANARES CARRIED 4-0 (COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSEN, COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT, AND COMMISSIONER STILLIONS ABSENT), to approve the June 26, 2025, meeting minutes as corrected.

DISCUSSION

2. Report from Ad-Hoc Ordinance Sub-Committee

Commissioner Lyon provided an update to the Commission.

No action was taken on this item.

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

Vice-Chair Manzanares provided an update to the Commission.

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.

5. Discussion regarding the Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Hotline

Director Anderson requested that this item be added to the agenda due to concerns raised regarding the launch of the hotline, as discussed at the June Commission meeting. The Commission has asked to preview the web landing page before the hotline goes live.

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Clifford adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 28, 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