

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Special Meeting Minutes

ETHICS COMMISSION



Chairperson Lidia Manzanares (Mayoral Appointee)
Vice-Chairperson John Clifford (D6)
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, April 23, 2026

4:30 P.M.

Council Chambers

6:30 P.M. Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair, John Clifford called the Ethics Commission Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Engdahl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Chair Lidia Manzanares – arrived at 4:43 p.m.
- Commissioner Sandra Christensen
- Commissioner Derek Engdahl
- Commissioner Wayne Schmidt
- Commissioner Bernice Stillions – arrived 4:34 p.m.
- Commissioner Lucille Lyon
- Vice-Chair John Clifford

STAFF PRESENT

Anita D. Scott, City Manager
Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney
René Anderson, Director of Human Resources/Staff Liaison
Chris Munoz, Human Resources Manager/Staff Liaison
Astrid Lamers, Senior Administrative Assistant/Commission Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Vice-Chair Clifford announced that he was partaking in the Library’s Annual Trivia Bee. Sunday he will be doing historical tours at the Fox Theater, and they will be playing the movie Top Hat. At the May 4th Council Meeting he and his wife will be named Preservationists of the Year.

Chair Clifford expressed concerns with the way the meeting was called and requested that this be agendized for the next meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

There were no reports from staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

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

February 26, 2026

Commissioner Schmidt withdrew his request for clarification regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Commission considering the Ordinance that was attached to today’s meeting agenda.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ENGDAHL, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT CARRIED 6-0 (CHAIR MANZANARES ABSENT), to approve the February 26, 2026, meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 2. Presentation from City Manager and City Attorney Concerning Recommendations for an Updated Ordinance Clarifying the Ethics Commission Powers and Duties and Recommend an Ethics Code

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR CLIFFORD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LYON CARRIED 7-0, to recommend that the Ordinance go to City Council with minor changes and corrections as discussed.

City Attorney, Sonia Carvalho advised that she has made notes and intends to clean it up and bring it back to the Commission for final review before it is forwarded to City Council.

Chair Manzanares assigned the Code of Ethics to the Ethics Policy Ad-Hoc Committee.

No further action was taken on this item.

3. Discussion for Implementation of Recommended Ordinance:

Future Items:

- 1. Policy
- 2. Complaint Process: Intake/Complaint Form, and Investigative Process
- 3. FAQ's and Website Language to Align with Proposed Ordinance and Ethics Code

Chair Manzanares assigned these items to the Scope of Work Ad-Hoc Committee to align documents with the Ordinance and Code of Ethics.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Manzanares adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

ASTRID LAMERS
 Senior Admin Assistant/Commission
 Secretary to the Ethics Commission

LIDIA MANZANARES
 Chair of the Ethics Commission