

**RESULTS OF PUBLIC MEETING
CITY OF PHOENIX
ETHICS COMMISSION**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **ETHICS COMMISSION** and to the general public, that the **ETHICS COMMISSION** held a meeting open to the public on **June 18, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**

The results of the meeting are as follows:

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Commission was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 16, 2026

This item was approved.

STAFF UPDATE

The item was discussed.

INQUIRY REVIEW PROCESS

Commission motioned to request the Commission's Counsel, in collaboration with City staff, to draft an amendment to the Commission's Rules of Procedure that removes the notarization requirement, while keeping an attestation with the penalty of perjury language and reviewing the sanctions language. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commission motioned to amend the Rules of Procedure to allow electronic submittal and signature of complaints. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commission motioned to request the Commission's Counsel, in collaboration with City staff, to draft an amendment to the City Ordinance that specifically addresses and allows a Complainant to withdraw a complaint within a specific number of days. The motion additionally requests the Commission's Counsel to work with City staff to identify a recommended number of days, based on other jurisdictions. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commission motioned to recommend the City Council makes no change to the current financial penalty language. The motion failed by a 3-1 vote.

Commission motioned to make no recommendation to the City Council regarding the current financial penalty language for frivolous complaints. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commission motioned to request the Commission's Counsel, in collaboration with City staff, to draft language regarding the appearance of impropriety. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Commission motioned to request the Commission's Counsel, in collaboration with City staff, to identify and recommend appropriate locations to document the proposed amendments discussed today, including within the City Ordinances, Rules of Procedure, etc. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

Per City Code Section 2-53, based on recommended changes to the Rules of Procedure made by the Ethics Commission, staff and Commission's Counsel will draft the proposed language for the City Manager for review and recommendation to Council.

UPDATE ON MARCH 4, 2026, ALLEGED OPEN MEETING LAW VIOLATIONS INVESTIGATION

The item was discussed

LEGAL OPINION REQUESTED INVOLVING THE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 4:08 p.m. and returned from Executive Session at 4:56 p.m. to discuss Agenda Items 6 and 7.

No action was taken.

REVIEW OF CURRENT COMPLAINTS

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 4:08 p.m. and returned from Executive Session at 4:56 p.m. to discuss Agenda Items 6 and 7.

EC-25-18 - Commission motioned to dismiss this matter because the Commission does not have proper jurisdiction. The motion failed by a 2-2 vote.

Commissioner Leyvas motioned to reconsider the vote. The motion was seconded.

The Commission could not complete their discussion on this matter due to technical difficulties. The Commission adjourned until the next meeting, set on the calendar for July 16, to complete the discussion on the matter.

No action was taken on EC-25-01 and EC-25-06.

CALL TO PUBLIC

There was no call to the public because the meeting was adjourned.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

There was no discussion on this item because the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

For further information or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Rebecca McCarthy at (602) 262-7526 or TTY: 7-1-1 as early as possible to coordinate needed arrangements.

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